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SPACE-TIME

By JIM GRAND

Construction crew sets record pace!

NEW YORK, N.Y. — While building a new apartment complex in Manhattan's trendy Tribeca area, construction foreman Joe Studdy noticed something strange.

"My crew was working very slowly," he said. "It was hot, it was the middle of the summer, but they were moving even slower than usual. In fact, they weren't moving. They weren't moving even less than usual. Or should that be 'more' than usual? Anyway, they were standing pretty still."

As he walked over to yell at them, the four men suddenly sped up. That wasn't surprising, but what Studdy saw that behind them was.

"The traffic on Chambers Street had sped up too!" he said. "It wasn't just cars that were racing by. I saw a dog do its business in record time. Pedestrians were running too!"

One of those pedestrians was Professor John Q. Delancy of the Battery Park School of Science.

"I noticed that Mr. Studdy had gone from real-time motion to moving at slow-speed," said the fifty- year-old physicist. "The only thing that could have caused that was a tear in the space-time continuum — the fourth-dimensional corridor that controls the forward movement of time.

"In other words, time was leaking into space."

The cause, Professor Delancy determined, was a particle that had been lodged somewhere in the cement mix the crew was using.

"It was a molecule of matter from a white dwarf star," he explained, "a celestial body so dense that just a grain of it exerts a gravitational force greater than all the planets of the solar system combined! That pull was responsible for shredding time."

The street was closed off while the crew removed every bag of cement. The project began on July 4 and lasted until Christmas.

"The men are asking for overtime, but they ain't getting it," Studdy said. "For us, it only felt like a day's work."

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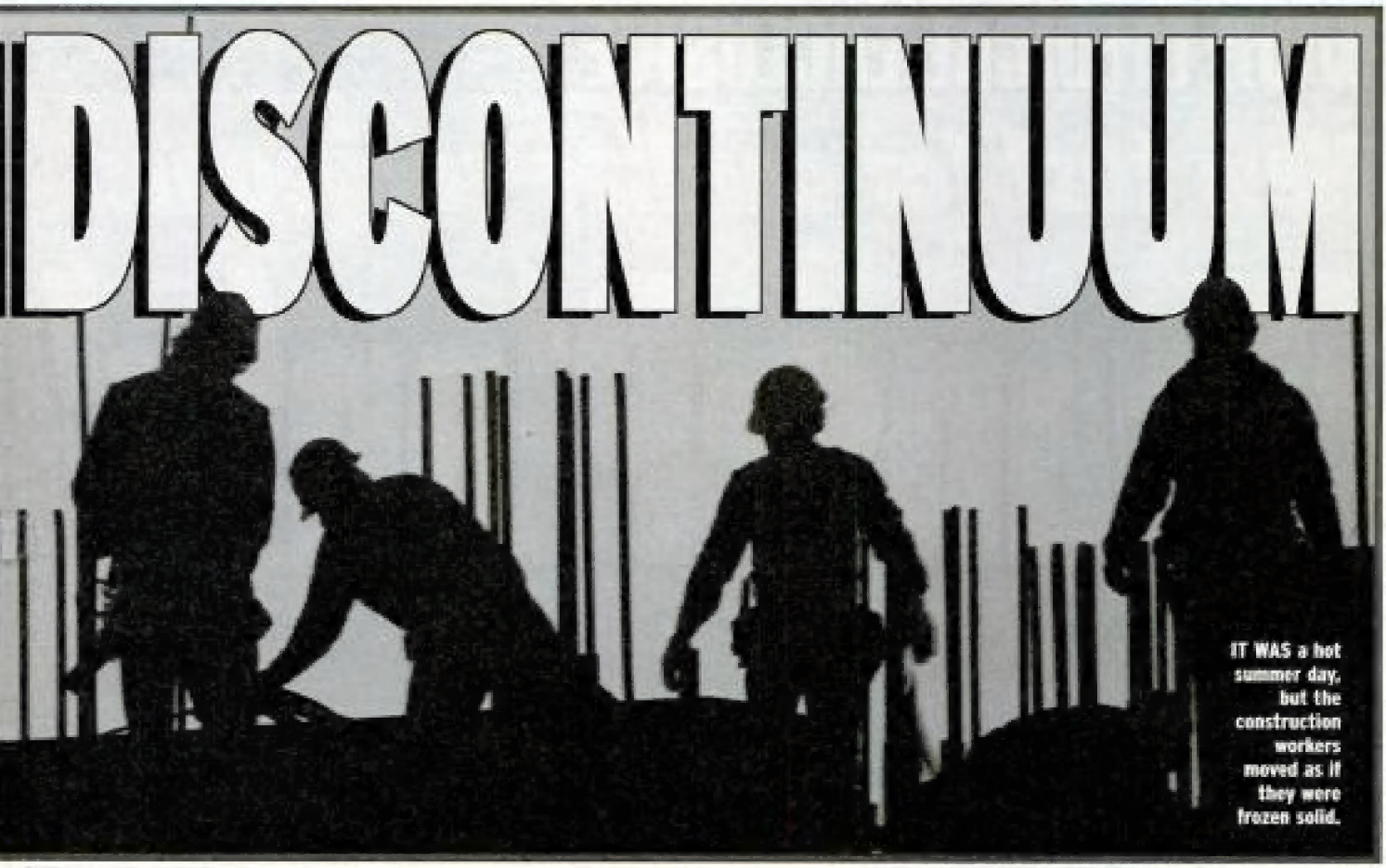


IT WAS a hot summer day, but the construction workers moved as if they were frozen solid.

SKELETON FOUND IN A BOTTLE!

MALIBU, Calif. – Early morning joggers at Muscle Beach recently made a grisly discovery. Bobbing in the surf was a large bottle containing a human skeleton!

Police retrieved the ghoulish container and sent it to forensics for analysis.

"The giant bottle had been a part of a promotional contest at a clambake sponsored earlier this year by Don Del Oro Liquor," Detective Richard Sprang told *Weekly World News*. "It is believed that after drinking the tequila, one individual climbed inside to finish off the worm and was unable to extricate himself. Everyone else was too drunk to notice."

DNA tests revealed that the skeleton belonged to Earl E. Byrd of Alameda.

"He apparently died of dehydration and exposure," Detective Sprang said. "However, tiny gnaw marks suggest the worm may have had something to do with it."

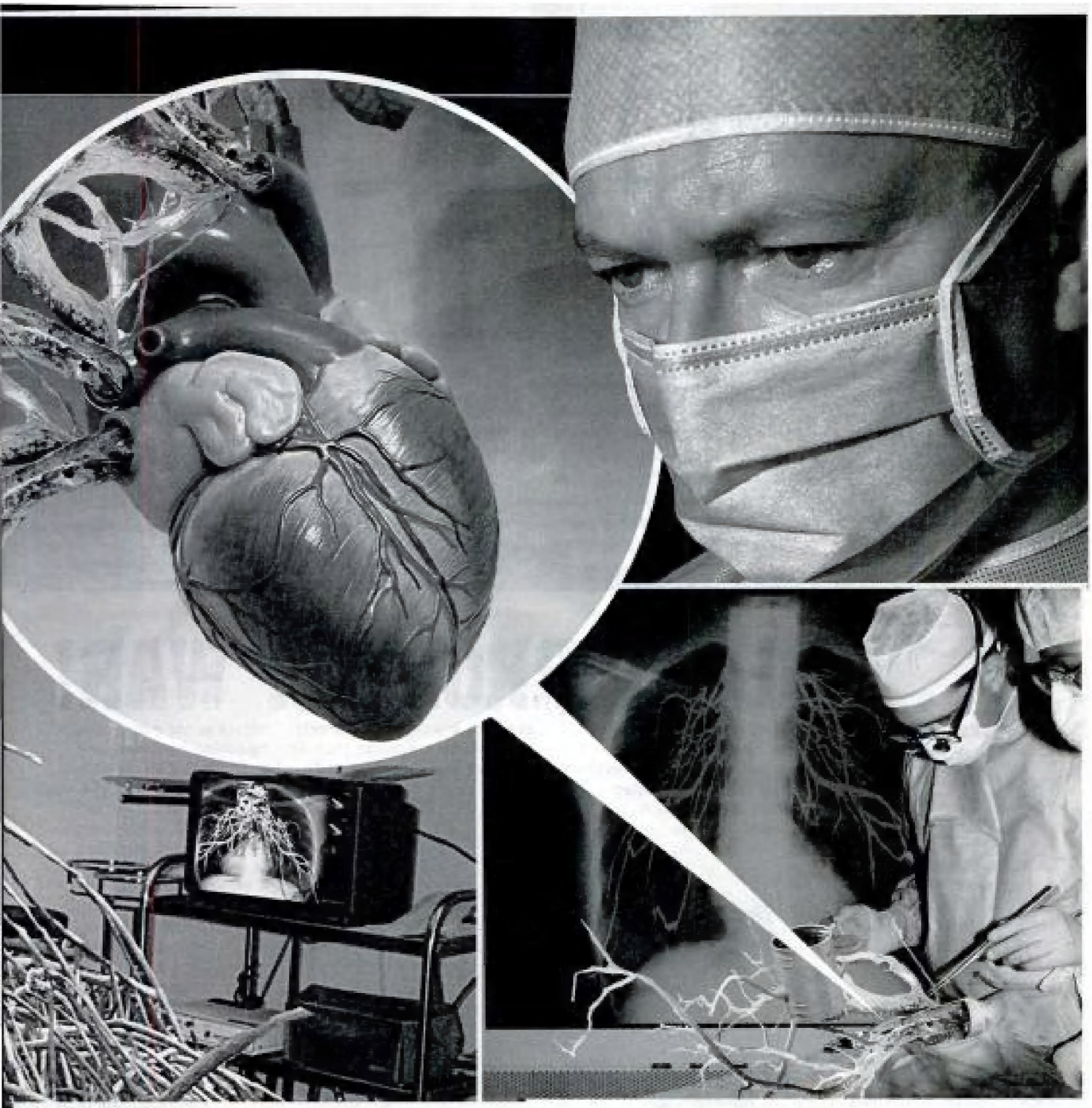
–Dick Siegel

WWN MEDICAL EXCLUSIVE

New turf for cardiac surgeons:

'Trans-Plants'

Next thing you know, scientists will be telling us: 'Organs grow on trees!'



By BOB MICHAEL

BALTIMORE, Md. — Doctors at The Holt Clinic have found a way to revolutionize medicine.

"To improve blood flow to a clogged heart, most cardiologists harvest a leg vein," said pioneering surgeon Dr. Mort Salvan. "But we've found that harvesting a *plant* yields much

Before Dr. Salvan operated on sixty-nine-year-old Alan Klaign, botanical grafting never succeeded between dissimilar plants — let alone between a plant and a retired plumber.

"The trick was choosing a species accustomed to transporting animal protein," Dr. Salvan said. "We selected a carnivorous pitcher plant, which

mals in the South American rainforest. The plant happily took root in Mr. Klaign's heart and now shunts blood around his blocked coronary artery.

"The stiff root system will stay open years longer than a transplanted vein," Dr. Salvan went on. "And the added fiber can't hurt, either."

Since the procedure,

most complication-free.

"As long as I stay in a sunny spot with afternoon shade, I'm more or less fine," he said.

In the meantime, Dr. Salvan hopes to improve vegetable-based medical technologies.

"Next year you'll be hearing about the first artichoke-heart transplant," he prom-

DIEHARD FAN Phil Goodnight wins stadium lottery guaranteeing him a view from the end zone forever.

STADIUM SELLS SEATS — FOR

By SARA McCULLOUGH

PORTERFIELD COLLEGE, Ky. — Octogenarian football fan Phil Goodnight was thrilled to win the Porterfield College Stadium lottery. It cost him five thousand dollars but guarantees he'll be with his revered college team for life — six feet under.

"Mr. Goodnight won a funeral plot in the Stadium Vaults beneath Freedom Stadium," said Board of Directors chairman Y.A. Bustle. "In order to help defray modernization costs for the arena, we've set aside an area starting right below the goal lines and are working backwards to the very edge of the north and south parking lot."

THIS WEEK IN 1944 HISTORY

THE HORRORS OF WAR!

BERLIN, Germany – After having become separated from their division during the final push toward Berlin, a weary band of crack U.S. Army paratroopers stumbled upon the last – and most bizarre – of Hitler's secret weapons: The Kreature Korps. Envisioning an army of battlefield-ready monsters that would turn back the Allies, Hitler had his scientists breed race after race of savage, soulless creatures whose only instinct was to kill and destroy. Initially believing the Kreature Korps facility to be nothing more than an ancient German castle, the GIs camped inside. That night they came face to face with its terrible secret. "As we penetrated further into

Blount wrote in his memoirs, "the horrors of the place became evermore oppressive. Mangled, partially eaten bodies of Nazi storm troopers and lab-coated scientists were strewn about the corridors. Blood splattered the walls. Hundreds of shell casings lay underfoot and the stone floors were scarred from grenade blasts." Though

seen the top secret newsreels of the Allied creatures such as the Loch Ness monster and Sasquatch, they were totally unprepared for the nightmarish beasts awaiting them in the lab: The giant, porcupine-like creature

attacked the paratroopers by rolling into a ball and impaling GIs on its wicked, razor-sharp spines; the huge wild boar, Kampfswine, whose tusks dripped with deadly venom; and the fearsome Wolvenwaffe, a three-headed wolf that was larger then a rhino and had teeth like bayonets. Somehow, Capt. Blount and his men managed to fight off the Kreature Korps and retreat to the safety of the woods outside the castle.

Post-war efforts by *Weekly World News* war correspondents to learn the truth about the Kreature Korps were blocked by U.S. government officials, who insisted that neither the Kreature Korps facility that Blount had described, nor another rumored to have been located in eastern Germany, had ever existed.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS' post-war efforts to expose Hitler's Kreature Korps were stonewalled by government officials, who denied its existence or the existence of genetically engineered creatures like the Kampfswine shown here.

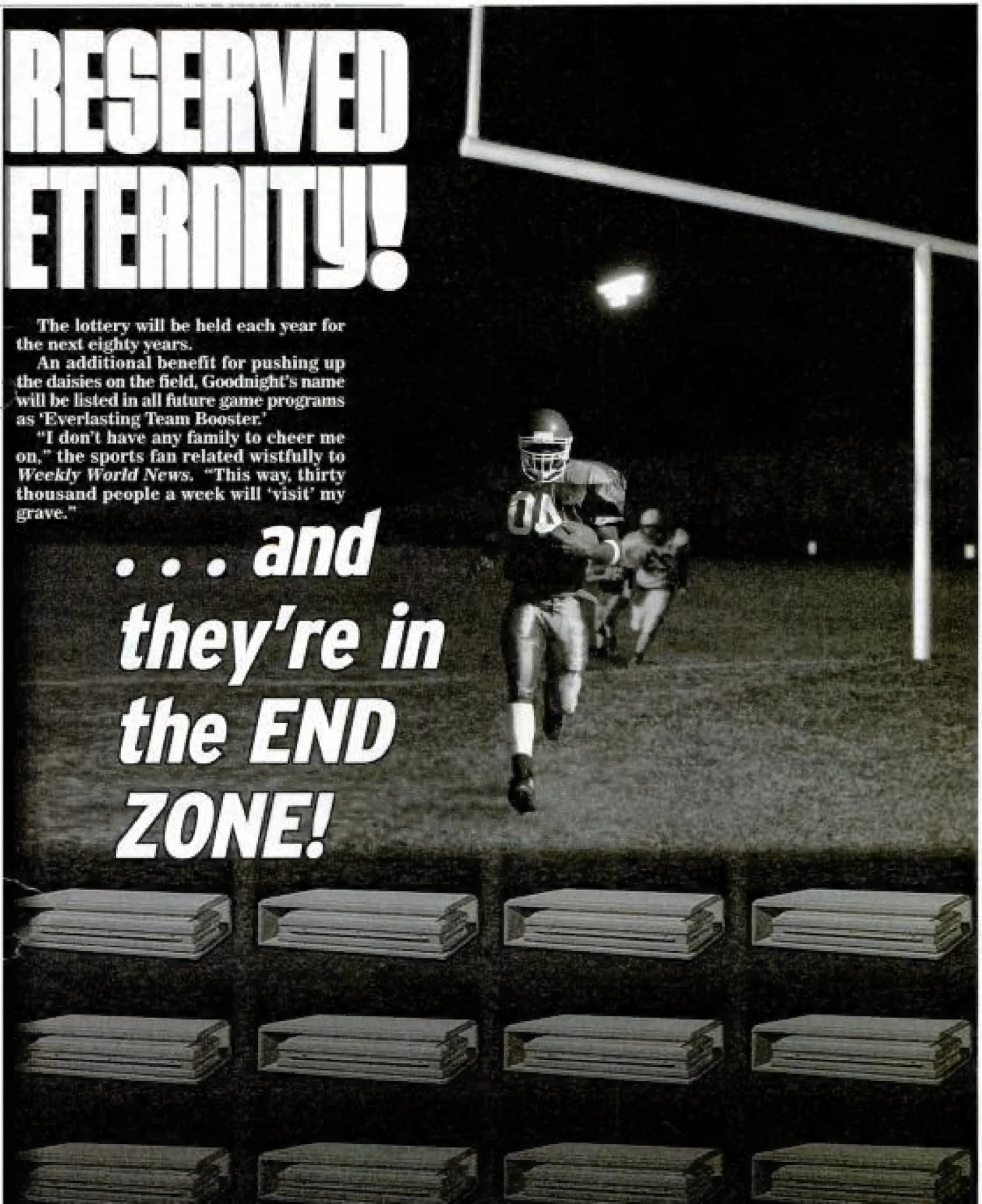
RESERVED ETERNITY!

The lottery will be held each year for the next eighty years.

An additional benefit for pushing up the daisies on the field, Goodnight's name will be listed in all future game programs as 'Everlasting Team Booster.'

"I don't have any family to cheer me on," the sports fan related wistfully to *Weekly World News*. "This way, thirty thousand people a week will 'visit' my grave."

. . . and they're in the END ZONE!



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AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has consented to share his remarkable predictions in a weekly column:

2008
DETROIT, Mich.

Due to the ineffectiveness of the judicial system when it comes to discouraging criminal behavior, judges turn to eastern mysticism for a new method of punishment. Thanks to the 'reincarnation penalty,' would-be criminals are reluctant to break the law for fear of becoming a piece of toast in their next lives.

2009
LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Doctors finally discredit alternative medicine after discovering that all-natural treatments are responsible for a number of long-term side effects including incontinence, yellow skin and bad body odor. Because of these findings, the public is seized by a wave of 'homeophobia.'

2010
BRONX, N.Y.

The population of urban rabbits has been increasing exponentially for three years. Zoologists finally trace the surge to a pair of bunnies that escaped from the Bronx Zoo. It appears the animals are drawn to, and seduced by, the sound of 'hip hop.'

2011
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The United States government experiences an unprecedented level of downsizing by the current administration. The first body to be reduced is the House of Representatives, which loses its crowds of interns and aides and relocates to a smaller space and turned into the Apartment of Representatives.

2012
PHOENIX, Ariz.

Having failed to prevent humans from losing their hair, trichologists focus on the animal kingdom, hoping that one day they can apply what they learn to people. Their first task is to create a feather restorer for bald eagles.

2013
BOSTON, Mass.

The banking system creates a new kind of account that allows beneficiaries to avoid paying inheritance taxes. Heirs and heiresses can now enjoy the entirety of their parents' assets, thanks to the new Endow Jones

2014
ROME, Italy
A billionaire hires theologians to negotiate with divine real estate agents for the purchase of the entrance to heaven. Once the deal is done, the entrance is forever referred to as the 'Pearly Bill Gates.'

2014
ROME, Italy
Following the sale of the Pearly Gates, 'unreal estate' becomes a hot commodity. Investors begin buying up fanciful realms including Oz, Wonderland and the George Bush Presidential Library.

2015
WARSAW, Poland
Underwater researchers discover the remains of the actual Nautilus, the submarine portrayed in Jules Verne's novels, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* and *Mysterious Island*. Because the vessel has turned out to be real, scientists begin a search for its missing occupants. The undertaking is called, naturally enough, 'Finding Nemo.'

2016
HARTFORD, Conn.
Fewer people are leaving money in savings accounts due to the inconsequential one percent of interest they accrue. Because these accounts are so costly to maintain, banks lower the rates even further. Now that money is earning only .000001 percent, customers begin to refer to these sums as 'disinterest.'

2017
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
Because people have developed a ...ter immunity to the jolting ...s of caffeine, coffee compa... 'art selling carbonated cof... ...ce carbonation increases ... ...ption rate of caffeine into ..., this new 'CO_2ffee' be... very popular with the

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...MOND, Va.
...mping stores sell a new ultrasonic string that, when attached to peoples' shoes, wards off mosquitoes, gnats and other crawling or flying insects. Campers are now able fully to enjoy the outdoors while wearing these 'shoo laces.'

MAKE ROOM, MAKE ROOM

2019
TOPEKA, Kan.
As fertile soil becomes increasingly scarce, farmers are forced to plant crops in cemeteries where the earth is rich in organic matter. Farmers are required, by law, to refer to vegetables grown there by names such as tombatoes, mausolemons, and gravefruits.

2020
TOPEKA, Kan.
Vegetarians refuse to eat food grown in cemeteries, complaining that these salient greens are people.

2020
TOPEKA, Kan.
Ironically, vegetarians are eager to be *buried* in ecofriendly plots, leading to the growth of Herb gardens . . . and Mary gardens . . . and Tom gardens . . . .

2021
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
Vegetarians finally succeed in getting restaurants to separate meat-product dining areas from green salad-only areas. Business doubles for many restaurants thanks to these 'Caesarian Sections.'

2022
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
Because of all the fiber in their diets, vegetarians start developing shingles all over their bodies.

THE WHEAT GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER

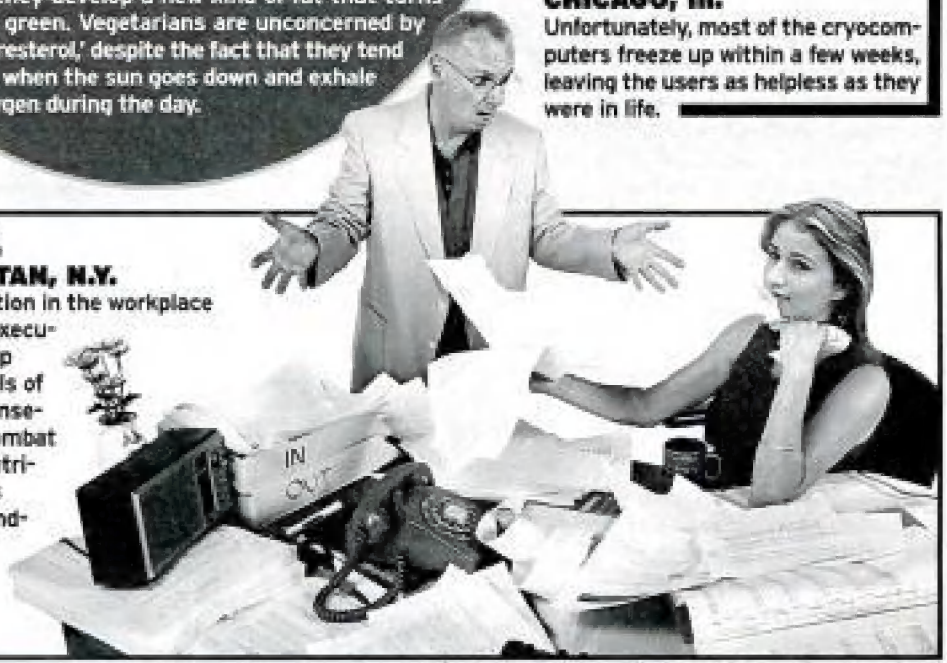
2023
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
Another consequence for people who eat too many vegetables is that they develop a new kind of fat that turns their blood green. Vegetarians are unconcerned by this 'chloresterol,' despite the fact that they tend to nap when the sun goes down and exhale oxygen during the day.

COLD STORAGE

2025
CHICAGO, Ill.
Cryogenic labs equip their chambers with cable and wireless Internet to entertain people who are still 'aware' of their surroundings.

2026
CHICAGO, Ill.
Cryogenic scientists discover that porn is still the number one attraction among the 'stiffs.'

2027
CHICAGO, Ill.
Unfortunately, most of the cryocomputers freeze up within a few weeks, leaving the users as helpless as they were in life.



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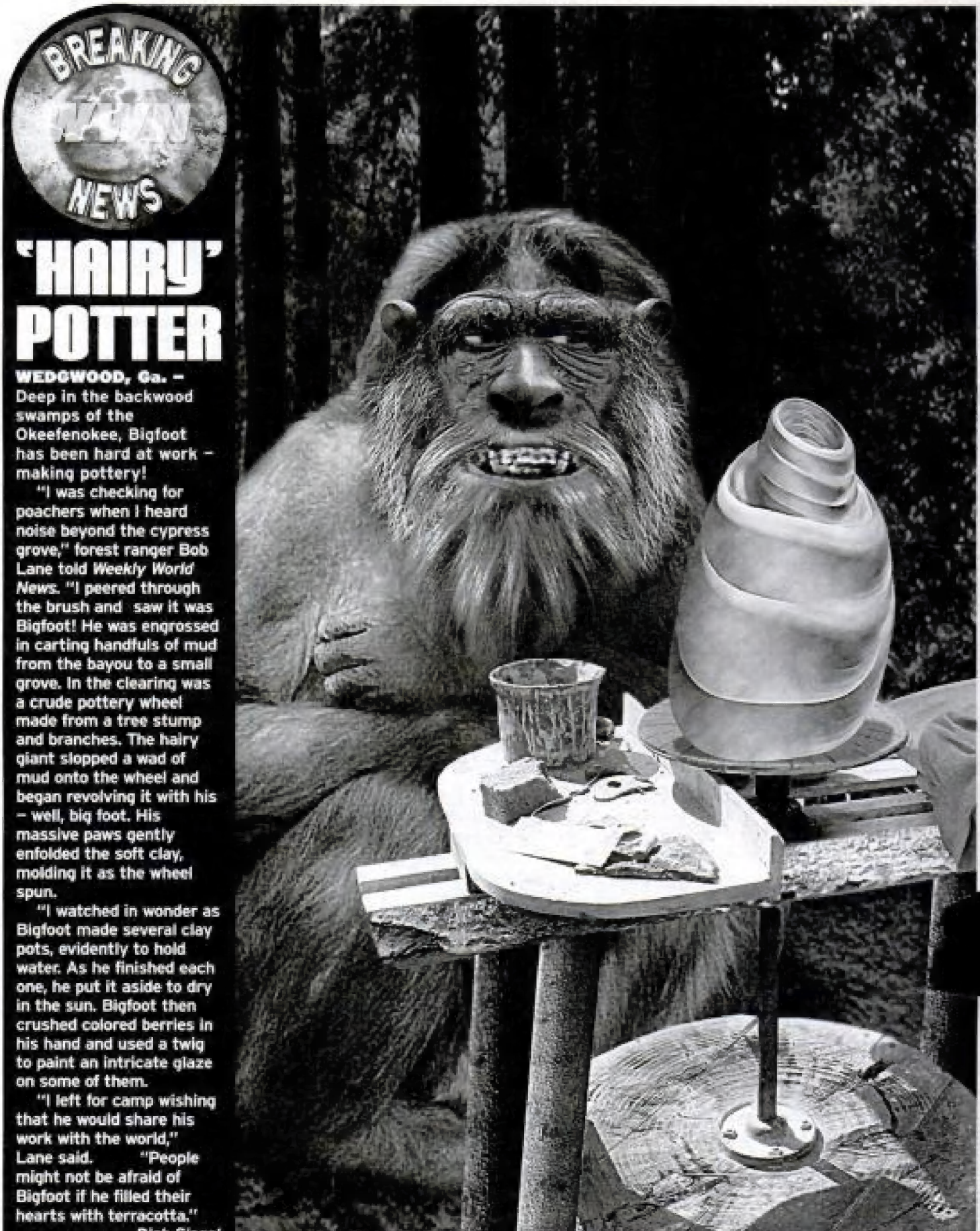
MANHATTAN, N.Y.
As competition in the workplace increases, executives develop greater levels of stress and insecurity. To combat this, a pediatrician invents security handkerchiefs to calm employee nerves.



'HAIRY' POTTER

WEDGWOOD, Ga. – Deep in the backwood swamps of the Okeefenokee, Bigfoot has been hard at work – making pottery!

"I was checking for poachers when I heard noise beyond the cypress grove," forest ranger Bob Lane told *Weekly World News*. "I peered through the brush and saw it was Bigfoot! He was engrossed in carting handfuls of mud from the bayou to a small grove. In the clearing was a crude pottery wheel made from a tree stump and branches. The hairy giant slopped a wad of mud onto the wheel and began revolving it with his – well, big foot. His massive paws gently enfolded the soft clay, molding it as the wheel spun.

"I watched in wonder as Bigfoot made several clay pots, evidently to hold water. As he finished each one, he put it aside to dry in the sun. Bigfoot then crushed colored berries in his hand and used a twig to paint an intricate glaze on some of them.

"I left for camp wishing that he would share his work with the world," Lane said. "People might not be afraid of Bigfoot if he filled their hearts with terracotta."

GOD'S TEN SUGGESTIONS

Why Moses left them on the mountain!

BY MICHAEL ROVIN

SINAI PENINSULA, Egypt — An archaeological excavation at the base of Mount Sinai has uncovered two ancient tablets that could change the foundation of the Judeo-Christian value system.

"This is very exciting!" enthused Dr. Benjamin Levi of the Cairo Biblical Center. "The ancient Aramaic text was apparently carved by the finger of God Himself in the 13th century B.C. There are still scorch marks on the stone."

Nearly as remarkable are what the tablets say.

"After receiving the original Ten Commandments, Moses realized that there was still a lot of etiquette to be covered for an ideal society to exist," Dr. Levi continued. "So he humbly asked God for ten additional 'suggestions' on how to lead a good life."

The Almighty obliged, offering the following recommendations:

I Thou shalt not consume thy food at the same time as speaking, for thy words will be garbled and thy throat at risk of clogging.

II Thou shalt not anoint thyself excessively with myrrh before courting.

III Thou shalt always signal with a hand before turning thy chariot, lest iter rage result.

IV Thou shalt not adhere to seats the gum of thy chewing.

V Thou shalt not kick sand on thy neighbor's beach cloth, even if he be a weakling of but seven stone.

VI Visit thy grandparents, and not just to ensure personal gain.

VII Thou shalt admit not latecomers to thy place in line.

VIII Thou shalt not allow thine eyes to linger unbecomingly upon strangers of the opposite sex.

IX Even moreso, thou shalt not allow thine eyes to linger unbecomingly upon strangers of the same sex.

X Thou shalt not commit violent acts in My name. If you do, contrary to what you may have been told, you and I shall never meet.

"Moses discarded these tablets when he saw the Israelites' blasphemous behavior during his stay on the mountain," said Dr. Levi, "and he never went back for them. I guess he figured it would be difficult enough enforcing the Ten Commandments."

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By ANTON CROWLEY

The Devil is in the decals

GOETHESBURG, Md. — You know the slogan: "Add Kaye Karen Housewares to your home and make more of your decor." Unfortunately, you may also end up prostrate before the Prince of Darkness.

This alarming situation has come to the exclusive attention of *Weekly World News*, which has obtained a soon-to-be-released report that the Merchandise Product Safety Commission (MPSC) is about to begin a massive recall of Kaye Karen's Seaflower bath mats, citing the "unique five-point star pattern hidden in the rubber" as the cause of widespread panic.

"Perhaps it's a coincidence that the pattern in the bath mat is identical to the Sign of Baphomet — a magic circle used in the conjuration of devils by Satanists," said MPSC demonologist R. Cane Grimoire. "But that doesn't make life any easier for those who have experienced the spontaneous appearance of Demogorgon, Mephistopheles, Beelzebub and other fiends in bathrooms across America."

Sid Blunk, a longtime skeptic about claims of Satanic influence in products such as heavy metal albums and fantasy novels, said that his experiences with the Seaflower mat have changed his mind.

"The last thing you expect to have happen when you drop the soap is to fight with your

BATH MAT FROM HELL!

own drain," he told us. "The stopper grew teeth and tried to bite me. And the bath mat was laughing the whole time!"

A Weekly World News investigation has revealed that Satanism is not the policy of the Kaye Karen Company as a whole, but the work of a rogue designer. We caught up with fired assistant textiles designer Irving Szandor Mebling at the Lucy Four Star Hotel and Motor Lodge.

Mebling has lived in one of Lucy Four's 30-dollar-a-night rooms for the six months he's been working for KKC. He strongly defended his bath mat design.

"My motto is, 'Be all you can Beelzebub!'" he told us. There were flecks of foam at the sides of Mebling's mouth as he chanted his answer.

"We knew he was a little weird but he had some interesting designs," a spokesperson for Kaye Karen Housewares said. "Even Goth kids need to take showers, and we wanted a share of that market. Besides, we are a nondiscriminatory employer. We support our workers' right to their religious values — as long as they don't include a demonic head and shoulders rising from your shampoo suds."

Kaye Karen will refund all Seaflower bath mats, serial numbers A-000666 through A-666000 and has trained its customer service operators to perform free exorcisms by phone.

"The good news is, while a few people have 'fallen' because of the bath mat, no one ever actually slipped," said the optimistic Kaye Karen spokesperson. "You can't say the product didn't work as advertised."

They located!

Spinster sisters have their say

By MARK MILLER

HILDRETH, Neb. – We've all heard expressions such as, "They say the early bird gets the worm..." and "You know what they say." But who exactly is *they*?

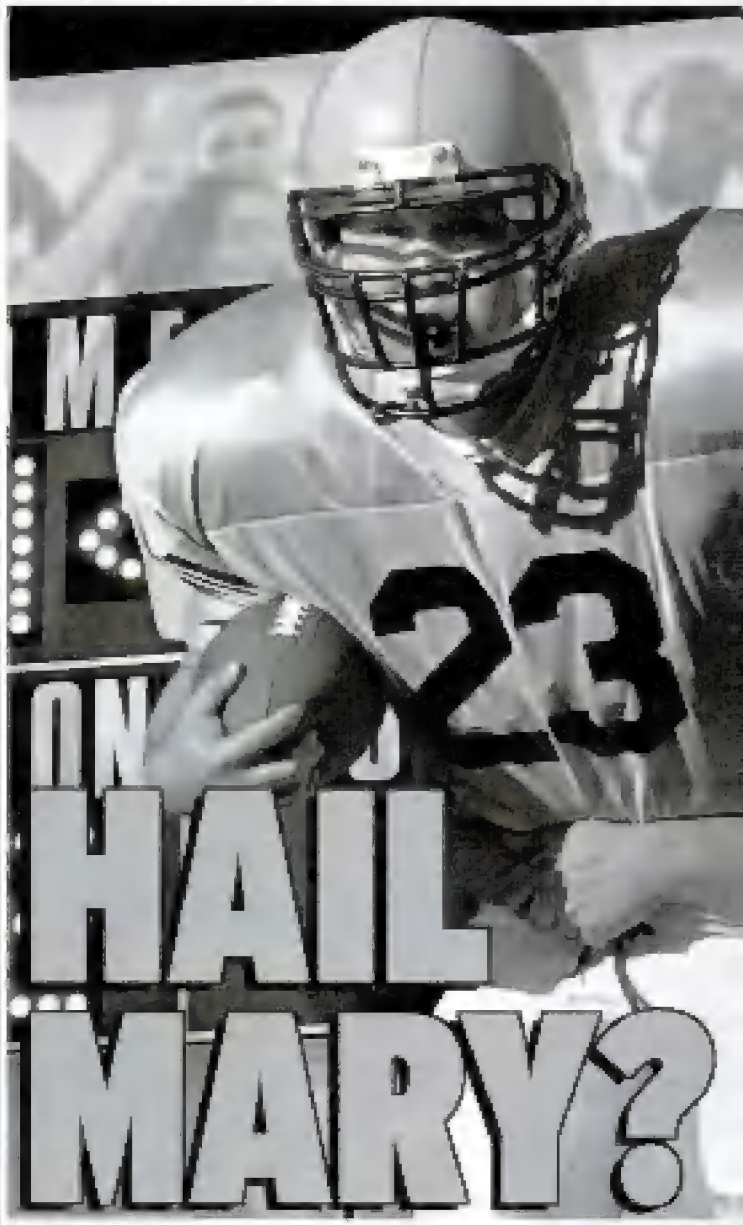
"Or is it 'are' they?" chuckled retired journalist Emily Bagoly.

Thanks to the ninety-year-old woman and her twin sister, Sarah, the mystery has finally been solved. They are the *they*.

"It all started when we were in our twenties," recalled Emily. "We had a newspaper column called 'So They Say' in which we presented all the folk wisdom that had been passed down by our pioneer family. The idea really caught on, and so did the phrase."

The Bagolys admitted, however, that some of the contributions were substantially less memorable than others.

"We never did generate much enthusiasm for, 'They say tidy snails make the best escargot' or 'They say sometimes good things never even start,' said Sarah. "But you can't win 'em all ...as we say."



NO - HAIL MARY?

By SARA MCCULLOUGH

FORKLIFT MILLS, Ala. — High school quarterback Kenny Benchley heard a commanding voice issuing instructions over his headset during the Friday night game, but it wasn't his coach.

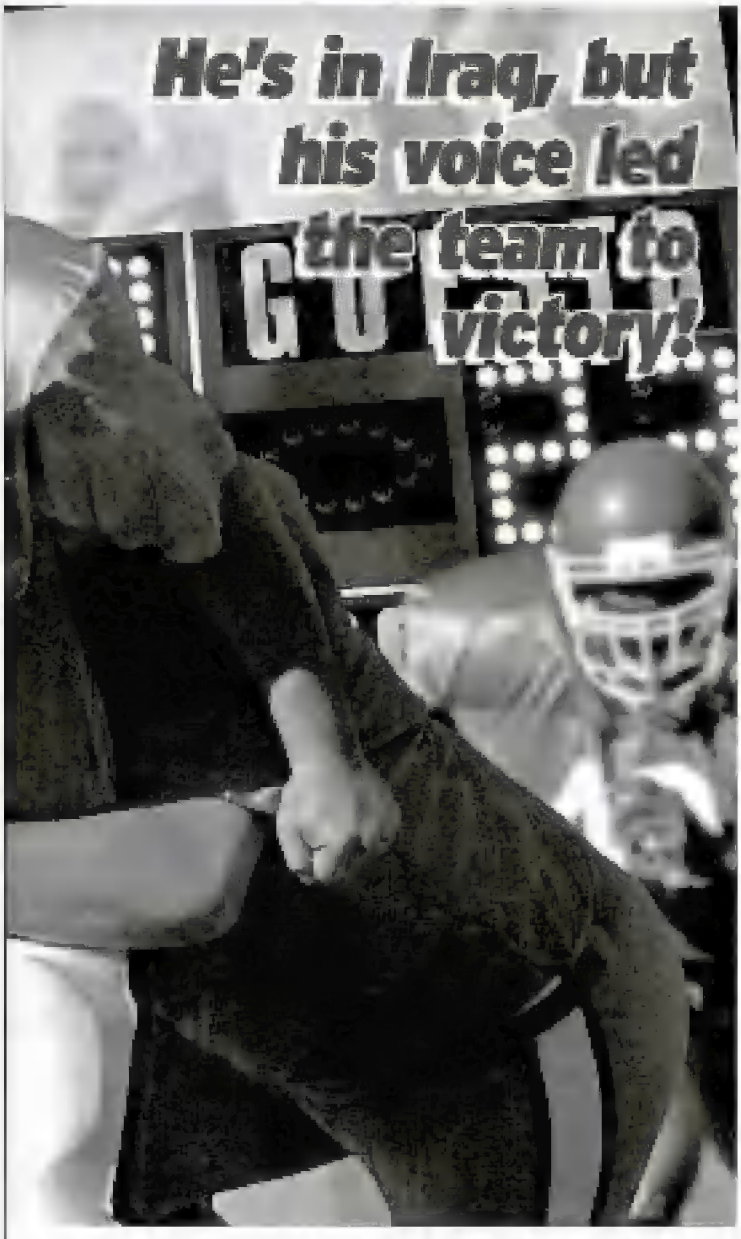
"It was my older brother, Kerwin, who quarterbacked this team four years ago," related the senior to *Weekly World News*. "Even though he's serving in Iraq now, Kerwin barked out inspired plays that led us to victory."

The team went on to win the game, Kenny completing a personal best eighty percent of his passes.

Coach Arnold Ludlum believed that the eerie transmissions occurred because young Kenny was wearing the same football helmet his brother used to win the state championship.

"I'll bet that helmet registered Kerwin's electromagnetic brain impulses during peri-

He's in Iraq, but his voice led the team to victory!

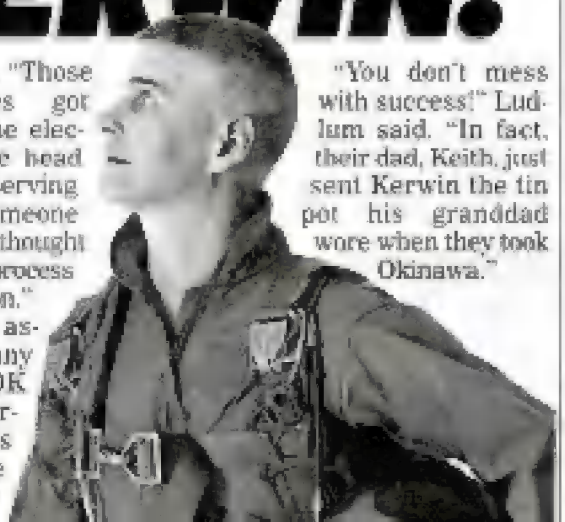


KERWIN!

Ludlum said. "Those brain waves got trapped in the electronics of the head piece, preserving them until someone with a similar thought pattern could process the information."

Ludlum assured Kenny that it was OK to countermand his calls in deference to those of the helmet.

"You don't mess with success!" Ludlum said. "In fact, their dad, Keith, just sent Kerwin the tin pot his granddad wore when they took Okinawa."



Buried for booty

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY 1816

LONDON, England – For months, master grave-robber Quentin Headley eluded London constables.

"Headley was a genius with disguises," said British historian Giles Stokes. "He could impersonate a clergyman, a gravedigger, a grieving widow or anyone who could get him close to a dead body and its valuables. Pre-Scotland Yard England was no match for him."

But the criminal's masterstroke involved faking his own death and having himself buried in a seemingly normal coffin. In fact, the custom-made box contained a hand-cranked nose drill, oars, wheels and a breathing tube and bellows. Headley planned to drill and propel his "coffin carriage" beneath the earth from grave to grave, helping himself to the contents.

The plan proved disastrous, however. Although Headley had trained for months, he found the cemetery earth much harder than he'd anticipated.

"He wore himself out moving only a few feet," Stokes stated. "Then his air line became detached and he was too tired to dig himself out."

A gravedigger spotted Headley's broken breathing tube the next morning. A second memorial service was held later that day.

"He should have stuck to disguises," Stokes concluded. "It was a grave error in judgment."

– *Dorian Wagner and Chad Elliot*

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Hi, Dolly

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I KNEW SHE'D BE JEALOUS OF MY FEMALE FRIEND

HI, DOLLY: I'm a married man who has an unmarried woman friend who I've known since junior high and who I see occasionally. Sometimes we have breakfast together before work and we talk on the phone at least once a month. I never mentioned her to my wife because I knew she'd be jealous. Well, last week my wife found out because a friend of hers happened to see me and my woman friend together. My wife is mad like I knew she'd be. She says I've been cheating on her. I don't consider what I did cheating. My friend and I don't have a sexual relationship. I want to patch things up with my wife but I also think she's completely out of line to be carrying on like this. What do you think? — Ted in Phoenix

Dear Ted: Let me say up-front that emotional infidelity can be as real and hurtful as physical unfaithfulness. Your wife's jealousy ain't unreasonable — you were sharin' stuff with another woman and not tellin' her. So while she has a right to be angry, she's also plenty insecure. You should do whatever you can to let her know that she comes first in your thoughts and heart, even if it means not seein' your friend. When the time is right, maybe you can invite this woman to join you and your wife for dinner. Let your spouse see who comes first and that you weren't keepin' anything important from her.

Teen son won't talk to mom

Hi, Dolly: My relationship with my seventeen-year-old son is getting worse and worse. We don't have conversations any more. It's just, 'Have you done your homework?' 'Clean up your room.' 'No, you can't stay over at a friend's house on a school night. He would rather spend time with his friends than with me. I raised this boy by myself, so there's no one at home to help me with this. Do you have any advice? — Jane in Cedar Lake

Dear Jane: I ain't a mother, but from what I hear tell, most teens are just plain ornery. Since what you're doin' ain't workin', decide what's really important and let the rest of it go. If he wants to live in a pig sty, that's up to him. And if he flunks a test or two, he has to pay the price in the long run, not you. It's tough love, honey: you can't save him from the consequences of his actions. Hopefully, he'll see that his way ain't workin' and turn to you for help. If not, he's just shy of adulthood. One way or the other, you gotta let him go.

Credit card hounding me for bill I paid!

Hi, Dolly: Around a year and a half ago, I responded to an offer to pay off a high-interest credit card by transferring my balance to another credit card at zero percent interest. Everything was okay for around six months and then I got a bill from the first credit card company for the full amount. I wrote to them to say this was a mistake and that my bill was paid off. Then, three months ago, I was contacted by a collection agency. Since then they've sent me threatening letters and have called me at home and at work demanding the money that I've already paid. I've told them on the phone and in writing that this is all a mistake. What can I do to get them to stop harassing me? — Bill in Fairmont

Dear Bill: First, notify the bank that issued the card that you're bein' harassed. Then hire a lawyer to get them off your back. I know lawyers are costly, but you have such a clear case that one will probably take it on for a deferred fee. You did right to answer the credit card company and the collection agency in writing. You can sue them for more than you ever owed them. What they're doin' to you is wrong and illegal.

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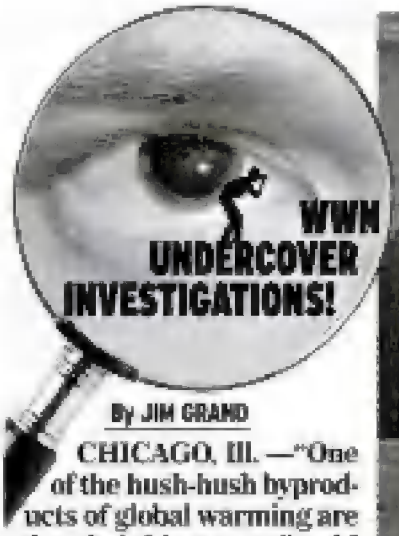


THIS PROBLEM IS CIRRUS!

By JIM GRAND

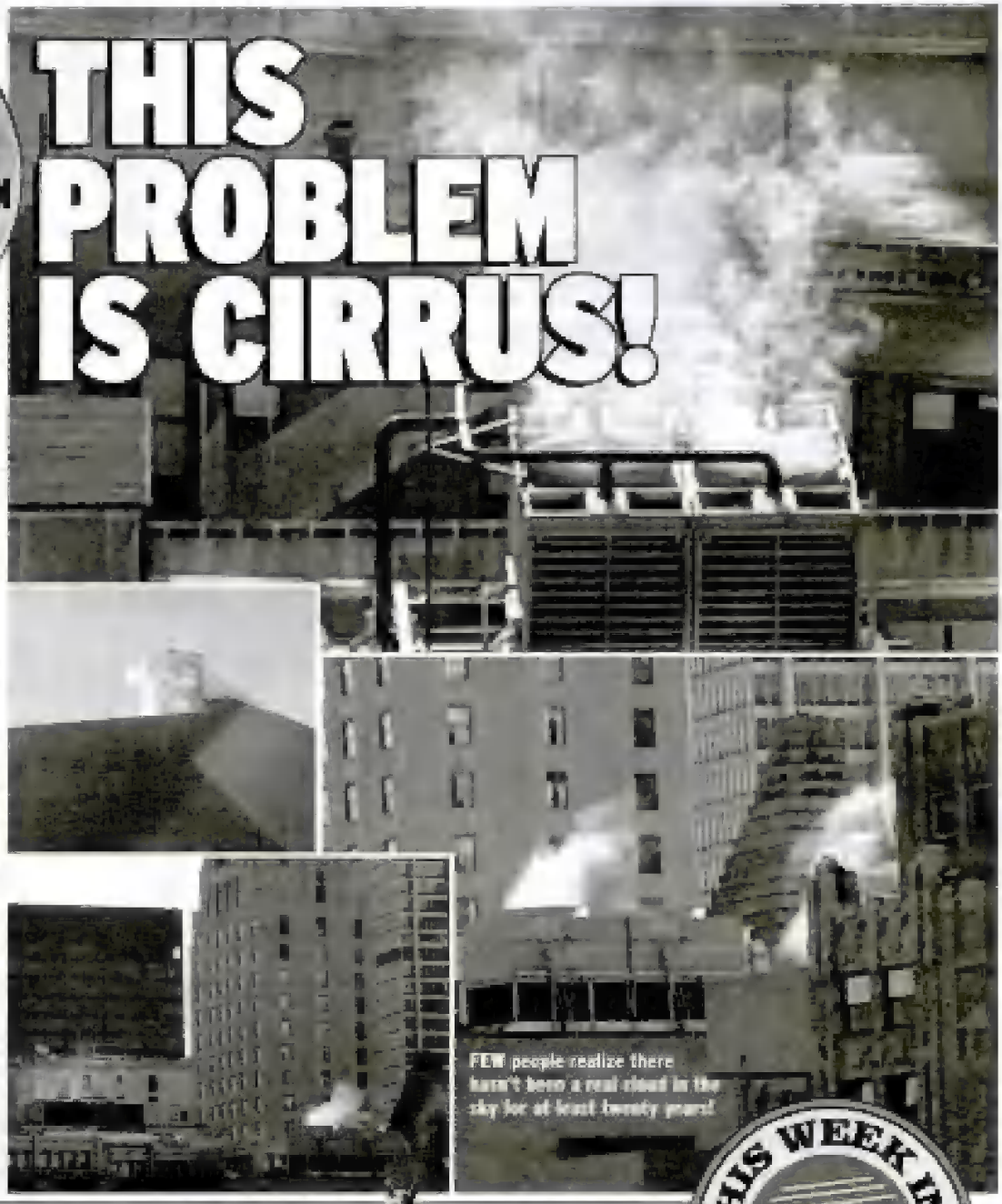
CHICAGO, Ill. —"One of the hush-hush byproducts of global warming are the shrinking seas," said meteorologist Sam Winner. "As a result, there is much less water on earth than there was twenty years ago."

Accordingly, Winner explained, there are also fewer clouds than ever.

"If we were to stop burning fossil fuels and the alleviate the greenhouse effect, oil industry profits would plummet," said Winner. "Thus, to conceal this growing disaster, energy providers are creating fake clouds and pumping them into the atmosphere."

Weekly World News took these exclusive images of fake stratus and cirrus clouds being churned from the tops of skyscrapers in just one metropolis.

"Ordinary citizens need to get involved and raise their voices about this problem," warned Winner. "In short, we need to get our heads in the clouds!"



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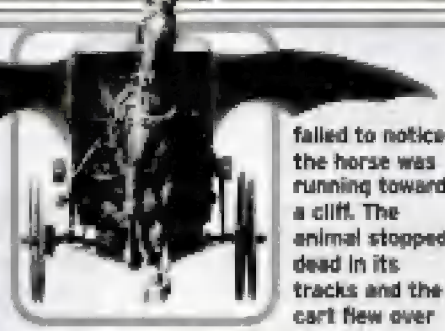

LANCASTER, Pa. — Before the Wright Brothers' first public flight in 1903, inventor Horace T. Glyde had successfully defied gravity using a most unlikely conveyance: A horse-drawn cart.

"My grandfather's experiment had more in common with parasailing than flying," said 60-year-old Steven Glyde. "He attached large canvas wings to the cart and used the horse's speed to slowly lift him into the air."

Because of an unfortunate accident, however, Glyde only attempted one cart-flight.

"He found a long stretch of road from which to take off," Steven recounted. "Once the horse had gained enough momentum the cart was lifted a few feet into the air. For two full minutes my grandfather become the first man ever to fly a heavier-than-air craft. However, he was so entranced that he failed to notice the horse was running toward a cliff. The animal stopped dead in its tracks and the cart flew over the side.

"That wouldn't have been a problem in and of itself," Steven explained, "since the cart would have eventually glided to the ground. Unfortunately, the horse was still attached and was pulled from the cliff along with it."

THIS WEEK IN 1900 HISTORY

The added weight was too much for Glyde's cart and they plunged into the river below.

"My grandfather broke about two dozen bones and the horse was killed," said Steven. "Needless to say, that was the end of his flying days. He always regretted letting the cart get ahead of that horse."

— Michael Doyle

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By PAUL KUPPERBERG

Every week the reporters and editors at Weekly World News unearth astonishing trivia while researching the terrific stories you read in our paper. Here's a sample of some of our recent discoveries:

• We're not just skin and bones! Every human body also contains enough iron to produce a three-inch nail, enough carbon to fill nearly a thousand pencils, and ten gallons of water.

• The most popular name for dogs is Max, followed by Molly, Sam, Zach and Maggie.

• 'Fido' — one of the oldest dog names — is Latin for faithful.

• The bumblebee bat of Thailand is the world's smallest mammal, weighing less than three grams.

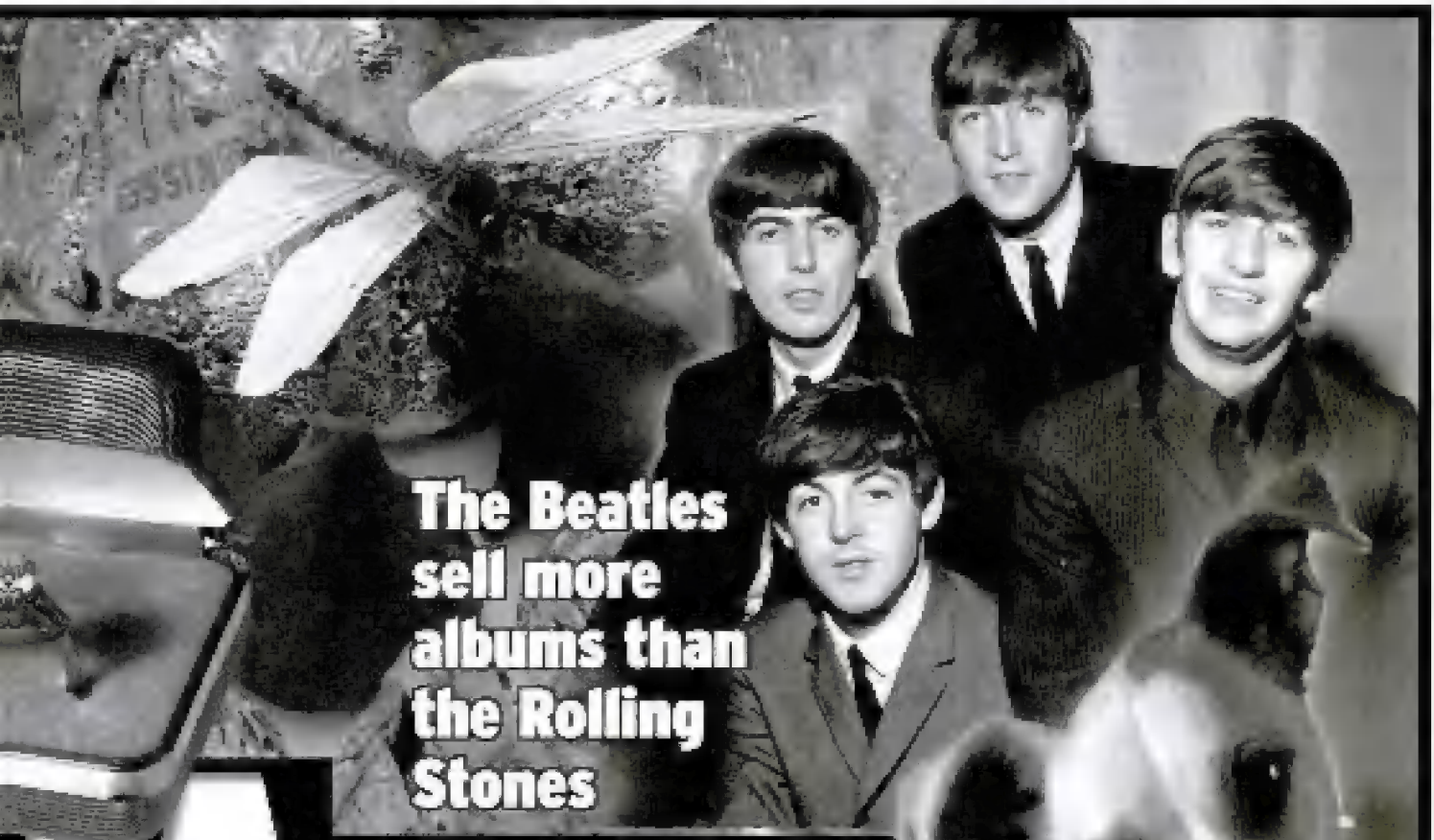
• The spine-tailed swift of Asia is the world's fastest bird, able to fly over two hundred miles per hour!

• The dragonfly, which can move at speeds from fifty to sixty miles per hour, is one of the fastest insects in the world.

• On the other hand — and on the ground — the top speed of a garden snail is 0.0313 mph.

• We use ZIP codes every day on letters and packages, but did you know that ZIP is an abbreviation for 'Zoning Improvement Plan?'

• Francis Galton, an English anthropologist and cousin of Charles Darwin, discovered that fingerprints were unique and could be used to identify



The Beatles sell more albums than the Rolling Stones

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- By taking one olive out of every salad served to first-class fliers in 1987, American Airlines saved $40,000.
- Dunkin' Donuts pours about 650 million cups of coffee every year.
- A copper penny minted before 1982 contains about 28,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 atoms of copper.
- There are 118 ridges around the edge of the U.S. dime.
- Your office desk may look clean and tidy, but it is home to four hundred times more bacteria than a toilet!
- The dot over the lower case 'i' is called a tittle.
- 'Maverick' comes from the Texan Samuel Maverick, a rancher who refused to brand his cattle. Over time, any unbranded livestock came to be known as 'mavericks.' Later, anyone who exhibits independent thought and action.
- Englishman Frank Whittle invented the jet engine in 1930.
- The modern Boeing 747-400 jumbo jet contains over six million parts.
- Earthworms have five hearts.
- The ribbon worm will eat itself if there is no other source of food available. It can devour up to 95 percent of its own body and still survive!
- Though they haven't been together as a band since 1969, the Beatles still sell more albums every year than the Rolling Stones, who are still performing.
- Almost half the chocolate produced each year is eaten by Americans — some three billion pounds, or eleven pounds per person. The Swiss eat about twice that much, making them the biggest consumers of chocolate per capita in the world.
- Because it looks as though the machine that produces them is 'kissing' the conveyor belt, Hershey named their bite-sized chocolates Hershey's Kisses.
- The huddle was invented so opposing players couldn't see the signals called in sign language by a deaf football player.
- It costs only three cents to produce an American one dollar bill.
- The human stomach produces two liters of hydrochloric acid a day and grows a new lining every three days to replace the one eaten away by all that stomach acid.
- The question 'Will you marry me?' wasn't accompanied by a diamond engagement ring until 1477, when Archduke Maximilian of Austria presented the first diamond-studded ring to Mary of Burgundy.
- The well-known international radio signal for help is from the French for 'help me' or *m'aidez* pronounced 'mayday.'
- We don't know how they held it in until then, but the first time a toilet was heard being flushed on film was in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 mas-

Fido is 'faithful'

MATTHEW DAEMON
GRANITE CITY GHOULS
WHAT TH'?!
CAREFUL! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FACING THERE!
FURRYBOOTS ARE YE FAE?
OK, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD OF THAT-DAVEY?
HE ASKED WHERE YOU'RE FROM.
HE'S MATTHEW DAEMON, AN AMERICAN DEMON HUNTER-
-AND HE'S HERE TO SAVE THE CITY FROM THESE GARGOYLE EGGS!
ARE YAE TWA BUBBLES AFF THE CENTRE, BAIRN?! GARGOYLE EGGS?!
THERE'S JUST SOME HARDCORE WE'RE GOONNA CRACK-
UHO....
GRARR!!
GRARR!
OK, THEY'VE HATCHED-WHAT'S PLAN B, MATTHEW?
PLAN B, FELONY MELANIE?
WELL, IF THERE'S A NEST-
-THEN SOMEWHERE, THERE'S A MAMA!
NEXT: WINGS OF DENSITY!
ALIEN BABY
by AND BOLDMAN!
HEH! NOW THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!
BED BUG CHECK...
URP!
HEY, WEIRDO-- DID YOU EVER SEE THIS SHOW ABOUT THESE DANCING--
eh?
HEY! WHERE'D YOU GO?
OH, I'M GONNA GET WRAPPED ON THE KNUCKLES FOR THIS!
MELON HEAD
MEANWHILE...
I HEARD A VOICE! IN THERE!
BIG DEAL, I HEAR VOICES ALL THE TIME!

SPYCAT
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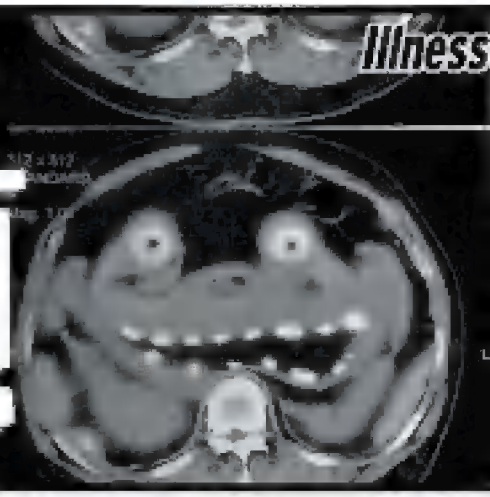
I DON'T GET IT.
ALL OF THESE SECTS BELIEVE IN YOU.
SO DO THE OTHER FAITHS IN THE REGION.
THEN WHY ARE THEY FIGHTING?
IT'S A SECRET, SPYKITTEN. YOU SEE, THEY REALLY DID EVOLVE FROM THE APES... A FEW NOT FAR ENOUGH.
ERNIE COLON
THE NEW ADVENTURES OF
BAT BOY
by danielle corsetto
COURT HOUSE
:whimper!
Don't worry, Bat Boy.
JURY DUTY's not so bad
They even FEED you!
Hey boss.. I got some interestin' news for ya
BAT BOY's gonna be a JUROR on our case?! But he can't even speak ENGLISH!
Yes, BUT..
He can UNDERSTAND English for example, "You will vote NOT GUILTY or I'll pluck yer pointy ears off."
I SEE..
Plus, everybody LOVES Bat Boy- I bet he could sway the entire JURY in our favor.
Nice work, Leo. You speak a little of that "ENGLISH" to Bat Boy...
..and I do believe we've won ourselves a verdict.

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find 10 flies hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragonés? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

VISCERAL HUMOR!



By MICHAEL ROVIN

TRENTON, N.J. — "For seven years, we thought our son was just a very serious kid," said thirty-year-old Margaret Smith. "He never laughed at anything. But when he started complaining of stomach aches, we began to worry that his seriousness and these pains might somehow be connected. We thought they could be stress-related."

After stumping several gastrointestinal doctors, Mikey's condition was finally identified by neurologist Stephen Morris.

"The CAT scan revealed an unusual shape to Mikey's insides," said Dr. Morris. "His alimentary canal, intestines and colon were all up-turned. I knew this couldn't be a coincidence. And I had a good idea what was causing it."

Dr. Morris gave Mikey an MRI during which the doctor read him jokes from *Weekly World News*, made funny faces and had a nurse trip a number of times.

"Mikey still didn't laugh and my suspicions were confirmed," Dr. Morris said. "During each humorous action, Mikey's thoracic and abdominal organs stretched into the shape of a smile. During the funnier bits, they shook uncontrollably — despite the fact that the boy himself just lay there.

"That's when I realized that Mikey only laughs on the inside."

Dr. Morris called the previously unrecorded condition *Intestinal Guffawtitude* and suggested to the boy's parents that Mikey learn to vent his joy.

"Psychotherapy should help to bring the condition under control," said Dr. Morris, "and I think Mikey himself understands what needs to be done. He knows that it'll only hurt

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INFILTRATE AND DESTROY!

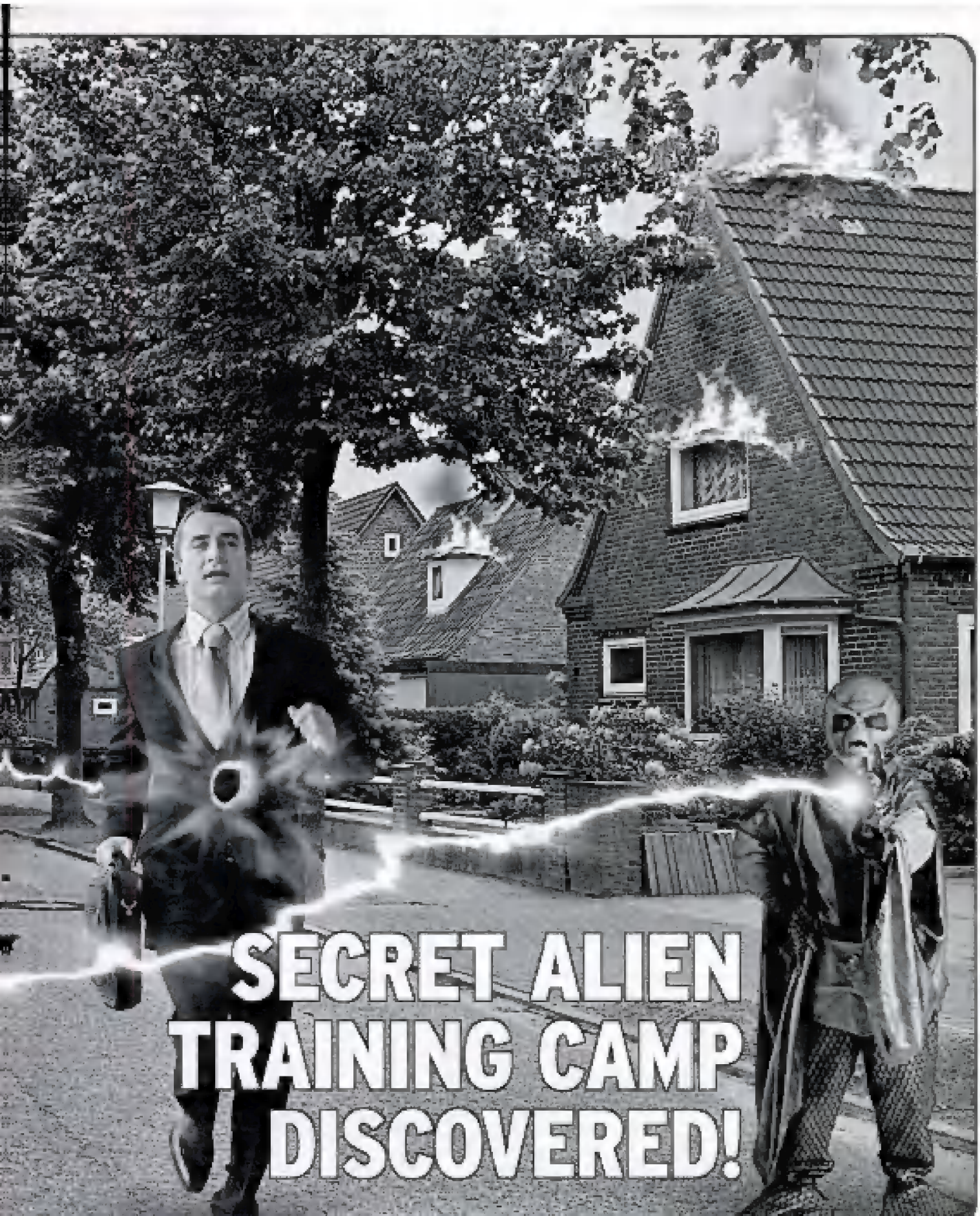
BY DICK SIEGEL

BRISBANE, Australia — A U.S. spy satellite has discovered a group of aliens living secretly on Earth! And it's not an *ordinary* group of ETs!

"We were in a hi-tech bunker testing a new weather satellite, when we made our chilling find," Dr. Jack B. Williamson of the International Geodynsival Atmospheric Consortium told *Weekly World News*. "No sooner had we turned it on than the interferometer detected an energy flux near the magnetic South Pole. I ordered the satellite's visible-light cameras to zoom in for a look. We were astounded to see an exact replica of a small U.S. city — roughly the size of Poughkeepsie — complete to the smallest detail. There were steaming apple pies on window sills, dogs and birds, and foliage where it was way too cold for grass and flowers to grow! We saw what looked like ordinary people walking about, riding bicycles and driving cars.

"And then we saw *them*!"

'Them' was a group of extraterrestrials disembarking from a UFO that descended from orbit as the satellite watched.


SECRET ALIEN
TRAINING CAMP
DISCOVERED!

SATELLITE SPOTS ET TRAINING CAMP!

They wore uniforms and carried the strangest weapons I'd ever seen!

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"The aliens looked like the ones I've read about in your paper," Dr. Williamson said, "four-foot-tall beings with large, bulbous heads, black soulless eyes and grey skin. This time, though, there was one major difference. They wore matching uniforms and were carrying the strangest weapons I'd ever seen! The guns looked like those curled 'sippy' straws that kids use.

"The aliens ran down the gangplank in columns of two, firing the strange firearms at people," Dr. Williamson said. "A brilliant white ray sizzled from the front of each weapon, cutting down humans who were running in every direction. As each shot hit a target, a plume of red plasma licked skyward from the victim's chest. The humans sputtered and fell. It was then I realized that the people were androids. But why? Was this some sort of game?"

It was hardly that. Just then, Dr. Williamson noticed an ET floating above the chaos on a small hovercraft. He was wearing a militaristic tunic and yelling at a squad below him.

"He was acting just like a Marine drill instructor — which, as it turns out, is pretty much what he was!

"It didn't take us long to figure out what was going on," Dr. Williamson said with a shudder. "The aliens had established a training camp for soldiers who would participate in a future invasion."

The science team promptly relayed the images to the Pentagon, along with the coordinates of the alien base.

The Navy dispatched the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Lincoln* to the site," Dr. Williamson said. "Jets carpet bombed the extraterrestrial stronghold using thermite charges. When the vapor from the melted polar ice finally cleared, there was no trace of the aliens or their mock city. Nothing remained but dark, smoldering holes in the ice."

That was the good news. So was the fact that, according to the science team, gases released from the destroyed UFO engine had helped to patch almost half the ozone hole in the atmosphere.

"The bad news," Williamson added, "was that the weather satellite detected a faint beacon still transmitting below the ice. The pulses were strong and regular; we deduced that it was a 'black box' of some kind that had been on board the flying saucer. Telemetry tracked the signal to space. Much to our surprise — and terror — its destination was the dark side of the moon!

"Evidently, the aliens are much closer to realizing their invasion plans than we thought!"

Sources at the Pentagon and NASA tell *Weekly World News* that they are currently developing a plan of counterattack. We will keep you informed on this crisis as it develops.

GOD SPEAKS TO TOURIST THROUGH BURNING BUSH

. . . and He's not very happy with us!

By RICK SPRING

CAIRO, Egypt — Last week in the Egyptian desert — where God has often made His presence known — He spoke to an American tourist in a most unexpected way!

"I was sightseeing by myself in the shadow of Mount Hashem el-Tarif, which is believed to be the site of the biblical Mount Sinai, when I saw mysterious lights atop a crag," forty-year-old Detroit native Dave Berger told *Weekly World News*. "It looked like someone had lit a torch up there, but it was pretty windy — I couldn't imagine anything staying lit up there."

An experienced rock climber, Berger decided to check it out.

"As I ascended, an echoing voice told me to remove my footwear because I was walking on Holy Ground," he recalled. "At first I thought it might be a kidnapper or killer, but then I realized the voice had spoken in English. I did as it asked and continued to climb. As I neared the strange glow, I saw that it wasn't a torch but a burning bush. Now I thought that some local shepherd was playing a joke — until the voice spoke again — inside my head! It identified itself as the Burning Bush of the Bible — the same one that spoke to Moses!"

Berger asked, humbly, why the Bush had chosen to speak to him. It replied that this was by no means a well-traveled path and there was no one else to address.

"The Burning Bush introduced itself as God Almighty and said that He is very, very unhappy with His children," Berger went on. "Flagrant disregard for the Commandments, brother fighting brother in war, and the systematic destruction of Earth's ecology — basically, the same things we did wrong in Eden — have convinced the Lord that creating humanity was a mistake.

"Through the Bush, God warned that He is ready to clear the playing field and start building humankind from scratch!"

The Burning Bush briefly outlined the Lord's timetable for Final Judgment.

"During the next ten years things are really going to heat up," Berger said. "Besides the inevitable nuclear exchanges in the Holy Land, melting ice caps will produce floods the likes of which haven't been seen since the days of Noah. Coastal cities will be submerged and those who survive these plagues will be subject to famine and disease caused by global warming.

"I asked — no, *implored* — the Burning Bush to tell me what could be done to placate the irate Jehovah," Berger reported. "It rumbled lowly inside my head, 'Follow the Commandments — all *twenty* of them, as reported in *Weekly World News* — and I might reconsider. But continue to follow that *other* Bush and you will continue down the path to complete destruction.

'The choice is yours!'"

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

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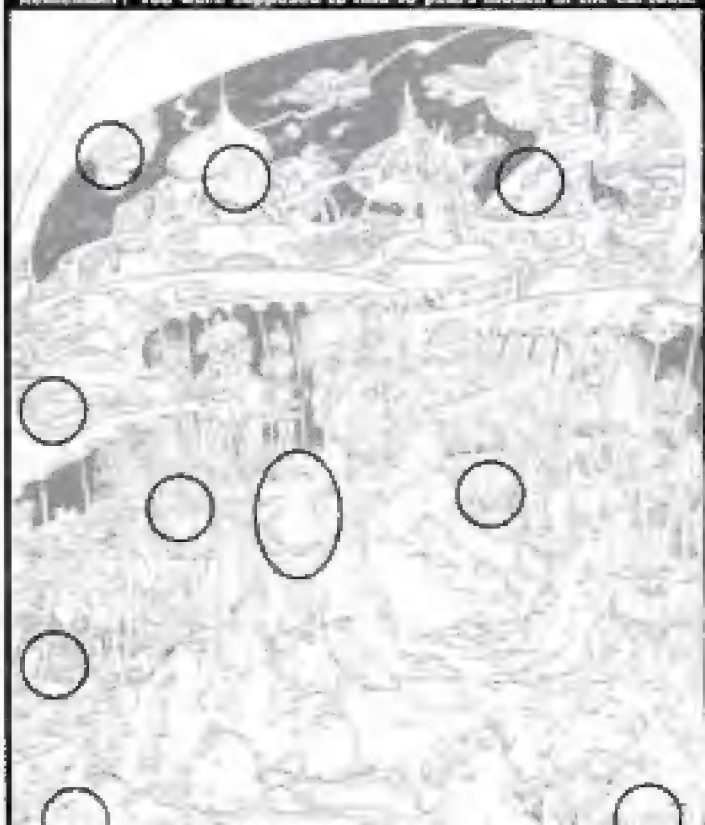

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Weekly World Humor

After checking in to their hotel, the Cohens went to a local restaurant. A man was playing the guitar outside, and the name 'Tex' was written across the front of it.

"So," said Mr. Cohen, "your name is Tex."

"That's right."

"Are you from Texas?"

"Nope. Louisiana."

Mr. Cohen asked, "Then why do you call yourself Tex?"

"Because it's a whole lot better than Louise."

"Before I can hear your case," the lawyer told a prospective client, "I'll have to have a one hundred dollar retainer."

Since time was crucial, the client didn't argue and paid the attorney.

The lawyer said, "For that fee, you're entitled to ask me two questions."

"Why, that's fifty dollars a question! Isn't that rather high?"

"Not really," said the lawyer. "What's your second question?"

Joshua and Manny sat at the bar after their nightly bowling game.

"Manny, I hate to say this, but tonight's the last night I can play. My wife says I'm preoccupied with bowling and is making me give up the game."

"God, that's awful."

Joshua sighed. "You're telling me? Y'know, for twenty years the two of us were happy as could be."

"What went wrong?"

Joshua answered, "We met."

Emma said proudly, "My great-grandfather doesn't drink, smoke, eat red meat, philander, gamble or even swear. And tomorrow he's going to celebrate his ninety-seventh birthday."

Jason looked at her and asked, "How?"

"Hey, Mom," asked Ralph. "Will you lend me five dollars?"

"Certainly not."

"If you do," he went on, "I'll tell you what dad said to the maid when you were at the beauty shop."

The woman's ears perked up and, grabbing her purse, she handed over

"Well? What did he say?"

"He said, 'Hey, Marion - make sure you do my socks tomorrow.'"

Upon receiving a comb made of solid gold for his birthday, the grateful Hans told his wife, "Thanks. I'll never part with it."

"I'd like two pork chops," said the patron to her butcher, "and make them lean."

"Yes ma'am," said the obliging butcher. "Which way?"

Feeling nostalgic, the seventy-five-year-old Mr. Thomas drove with his wife to the nursery school where they'd first met. Outside, they stood before the oak tree where he'd carved "JT loves ML" inside a heart; they peered into the windows at the corner where he'd stolen his first playful kiss from his future bride.

As they drove home, the Thomases found themselves behind an armored car. When the truck hit a pothole, a fat canvas bag dropped out, and the couple stopped to retrieve it.

"My God," said Mrs. Thomas, looking inside, "there must be half a million dollars in there."

Scrupulously honest, Mr. Thomas said, "Maisie, we must give it back."

"Like hell we will," she snapped, and they drove home.

The next day two insurance agents came to their door. "We're talking to all the people in the neighborhood," said one, "to see if they found a bag with money in it."

"No," said Maisie.

"Yes," replied her guilt-stricken husband.

Maisie fired him a withering glance, then said to the agents, "You'll have to excuse my husband... he's senile."

"No, I'm not," he insisted, holding the agents with a steady gaze. "Maisie and I were driving home from nursery school and - "

"Come on," said the agent to his associate, "let's go to the next

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

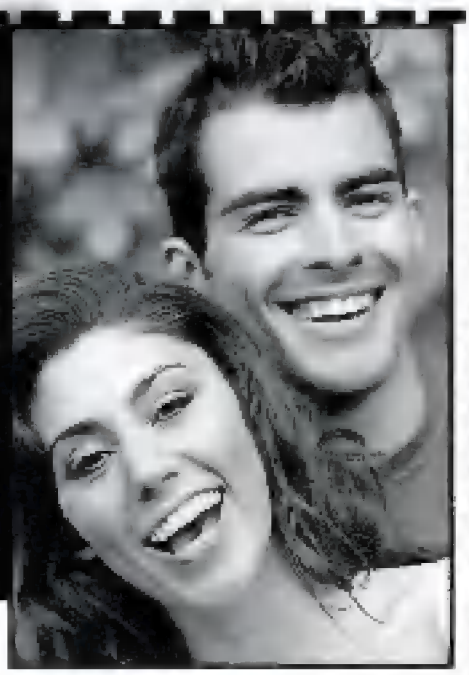
Johnson went to see a divorce lawyer.

"Why are you here?" the attorney asked.

"Well, my wife and I haven't had much of a romantic life for several years so I asked what I could do to make her interested again. And she told me."

"That sounds like a good start," said the lawyer. "So why are you here?"

Johnson said, "She told me to leave."



When a wife says, "It's your decision," what she really means is, "The correct decision

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WWN STORIES? TEST

FOR YEARS, faithful readers of *Weekly World News* have been kept up to date on the most extraordinary events on Earth – and off. However, reading about the facts is one thing. Retaining them is another. Let's see how much you remember about our remarkable stories!

1. What unusual creatures did cryptozoologist Matthew Daemon discover in a girl's dorm room?
a) Giant houseflies.
b) Pink elephants.
c) Singing daisies.
d) Two-headed turtles.

2. *Weekly World News* has discovered a rare Middle Eastern confection of spiced chickpeas and fava beans stuffed into:
a) Jell-o.
b) An eclair.
c) Vanilla ice cream.
d) Pound cake.

3. Apartment residents sued their witch neighbor for:
a) Having too many cats.
b) Putting a curse on the super.
c) Cackling too loudly after midnight.
d) Causing a flood with an overflowing cauldron.

4. What valuable natural resource was recently thought to have been found in New York City's West Village?
a) Oil.
b) Gold.
c) Diamonds.
d) Timber.

5. Virile filmmaker Rock Steele's newest animated cartoon feature, which depicts men engaged in very masculine activities, is called:
a) *Studly's Web.*
b) *Manfasia.*
c) *Happy Biceps.*
d) *Dream Men.*

6. Historian Fai Sung discovered the passionate writings of what hitherto unknown Chinese philosopher?
a) Mao Tse Tongue.
b) Genghis Khan Artist.
c) Homer Chi Minh.
d) Confucius.

7. For centuries, pilgrims have visited a Buddhist monastery in China to seek relief for what specialized ailment?
a) Nightmares.
b) Paranoia.
c) Constipation.
d) Athlete's foot.

8. The principality of Liechtenstein recently offered one hundred million dollars for what kind of person to move there?
a) A celebrity.
b) An astronaut.
c) A superhero.
d) People who could spell 'Liechtenstein.'

9. Thousands of people in Manhattan recently watched as two construction workers dueled with:
a) Broken umbrellas.
b) Lead pipes.
c) Sign posts.
d) Cranes.

10. A new film called *November of the Penguins* follows the marching birds as they:
a) Look for a new home.
b) Get exercise.
c) Go on vacation.
d) Invade another penguin colony.

11. The Catholic Church has decided to put confession booths in:
a) Police precincts.
b) Strip joints.

YOURSELF

d) Airplanes.

12. What kind of infestation has forced the closure of the Hollerheim Suites flagship hotel?

a) Rats.
b) Termites.
c) Ravens.
d) Squids.

13. World's Worst Genius Bill Fasil is being considered for the Nobel Prize because he accidentally discovered:

a) A cure for headaches.
b) A new element called Absurdium.
c) The lost city of Atlantis.
d) The color 'blight.'

14. On the Jewish New Year, or Rosh Hashanah, people gather in Times Square to watch the dropping of a giant illuminated:

a) Yarmulke.
b) Israeli flag.
c) Torah.
d) Matzoh ball.

15. TV repairman Joe Tone discovered a way to mute what annoying sound?

a) Babies crying.
b) Car alarms.
c) Dogs barking.
d) Thunder.

16. Farmers have succeeded in growing a hygienic hybrid food consisting of corn and:

a) Nail files.
b) Dental floss.
c) Astringent.
d) Q-tips.

17. Fourteen-year-old Mike Simon was arrested for playing what card game without a license?

a) Three Card Monte.
b) Go Fish.
c) Poker.
d) Gin rummy.

18. Last year, a gypsy curse turned all the Supreme Court Justices into:

a) Toads.
b) Minimum wagers.
c) Clowns.
d) Liberals.

what to fifth grader Samantha Abelson?

a) Poetry.
b) A Declaration of Animal Independence.
c) His memoirs.
d) Zebra knock-knock jokes.

20. After following Bigfoot into the woods, a videogame designer was surprised to see the great beast:

a) Crying.
b) Playing videogames.
c) Planting tomatoes.
d) Exercising.

ANSWERS

1 b) It was first assumed the girl who saw the elephants was doing drugs.

2 c) It was called falafel ice cream.

3 d) The whole building was legs, leech eyes and newt tongues.

4 a) It turned out just to be a hotel generator filled with gasoline.

5 b)

6 d) Unlike Confucius, he believed that physical pleasure was most important.

7 c) They light incense, pray and eat with monks to get rid of it.

8 a) This is because there are no celebrities in Liechtenstein, whatsoever.

9 d) The duel was arranged in place of an expensive lawsuit between both construction companies.

10 c) They gather on the beaches of Argentina.

11 b)

12 d) Experts plan to release the squids' natural enemies, sperm whale calves, into the water pipes.

13 a) He found that hanging upside-down alleviates headaches.

14 d) And during the Chinese New Year, people gather to watch the dropping of a giant dumpling.

15 c) Experimenting with frequency modulators, Tone was able to disrupt the sound of barking.

16 b) It's called Corn 'n' Floss.

17 b) Fishing season was still two months off, according to the officer.

18 d)

19 c) She used her old Speak-and-Spell toy to translate the zebra's sounds.

20 d) This Bigfoot has a huge gut.

NEXT WEEK: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF

Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Once a sideshow attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert

Does an apple a day keep doctor away?

Dear Mr. Horse: Do you believe there's some truth to the old expression, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away?'

— Sara Marshal, Essex, Vt.

Dear Sara: I believe it was meant to be taken metaphorically. In and of itself, eating an apple every day won't free you from the necessity of seeing a doctor. But it is good for you and underscores the fact that a proper diet is integral to maintaining good health.

I've been eating apples my whole life, as well as carrots and hay, and I've never had to see the vet.

I'm so dizzy!

Dear Mr. Horse: Why does hyperventilating cause us to become dizzy? Isn't sucking down more air a good thing?

— Denise Donaldson, Miami, Fla.

Dear Denise: It's complicated. To create energy, the body needs to supply oxygen to its tissues.

To supply the right amount of oxygen, the brain actually analyzes the energy levels being generated by cells. The less energy-making oxygen, the greater the amount of carbon dioxide in the blood.

Now, the presence of a large amount of carbon dioxide tells the brain vessels to expand to allow sufficient blood and oxygen flow. When you hyperventilate, you're forcing out carbon dioxide. This signals the body to constrict the blood vessels, lowering the flow of oxygen to the brain and causing lightheadedness.

In times of stress I've occasionally hyperventilated. Fortunately, it did not happen when anyone was riding me.

Diet or regular?

Dear Mr. Horse: Are diet sodas healthier than regular sodas?

— Danny Graves, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Danny: That's like asking if rat poison is healthier than Drano. I honestly can't recommend one over the other.

To begin with, processed sugar is terrible for you. It suppresses the immune system, upsets the body's mineral balance, can cause kidney damage, promotes tooth decay and contributes to obesity.

However, the chemical aspartame that is used in diet sodas isn't exactly Vitamin B, either. Studies show that it can cause headaches, anxiety attacks, insomnia, seizures, joint pain and possibly, cancer.

So if you're going to indulge in soda, I'd suggest that you drink whichever one you enjoy the most. Of course, a third option would be to drink carbonated water. It has that soda zest without the nasty chemicals.

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Barter system

Dear Mr. Chimp: Why does Wall Street call them 'stocks' when there isn't any wood in them?

– Randal Myers, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Randal: Stocks – which are shares of a corporation sold to raise capital – have their roots in America's colonial era. There were many settlements, each of which had their own currency. Since the paper money of, say, Delaware wasn't necessarily honored in Connecticut, goods and services were a more useful form of exchange. Among those, cattle were the most valuable as a source of milk, meat, and leather. When these were swapped for things like lumber or cloth, it became known as "trading stock." When the colonies became a nation and money became more standardized, the idea of 'selling stock' was applied to all manner of investments. You might say it was a "bull" market!

Face value

Dear Mr. Chimp: How does the value of money in other countries compare to American dollars?

– Sally Richards, Norwalk, Calif.

Dear Sally: Some currencies are worth more than dollars, some are worth a whole lot less. For instance, one euro is worth around 1.29 dollars. Our neighbors, the Canadians, have a less valuable dollar than we do, worth around 85 cents in American money. Things become far less recognizable in Japan, where one U.S. dollar can currently be exchanged for 120 yen. In Iran, you'd be exchanging 9,233 rials for just one portrait of George Washington (and worth it to show those guys what the face of freedom looks like, I might add.) Of course, where I come from, a dollar would be absolutely worthless in exchange for bananas, which are the foundation of life

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By MICHAEL ROVIN

CALDWELL, Idaho — Lumberjacks working for the Idaho Raw Wood Co. began having second thoughts about their jobs after a haunting experience in this remote timberland.

"We had cleared away three acres of forest that day," said crew supervisor, Hank Thompson. "We were about to pack it in when we heard loud rustling all around us, like the shaking of branches in a strong wind. We cut the engines of our 4x4s and listened. The noise was there, all right, which was weird since all the trees were gone."

However, the loggers' puzzlement suddenly turned to terror as dozens of ghostly, white oak trees coalesced all around them.

"They were swaying violently, making terrible creaking noises," said Thompson. "The shaking of their pale leaves was everywhere — almost deafening."

Making matters worse was that the trees began to converge on the crew.

"They were floating just off the ground, trailing their dead roots behind them. Some of them sounded like they were moaning, pining. It was terrible. There was nowhere to run."

The men radioed for help – from base camp and from the nearest church — then just cowered as the restless spirits bemoaned their abrupt and violent demise.

"Then, after about a minute, everything got quiet," said Thompson. "I slowly opened my eyes and was overjoyed to see that the ghost trees were gone. We started our engines and got out of the woods.

"I suppose the trees were giving us a warning about overforesting and ecology," he said. "I felt bad for them but — hey, this is logging country. They were definitely barking up the wrong tree!"

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SIGN OF

By CHAD LOWENBRUCK

LOUIS, Ga. — In the wake of a devastating series of coastal storms and "pocket hurricanes," the last thing the God-fearing townsfolk of Louis expected to suffer was what one homeowner termed a "yellow alert from God himself."

Louis, population 2,600, is situated on the Georgia coast north of the Florida state line. It is popular during tourist season for its beachfront bed-and-breakfast establishments, which incurred heavy damage from more than a year of recurrent storms. Eden Forne, the proprietress of an inn called The Mariner, weathered one such blow with the down-home, "it's God's will" resignation typical of Southern hospitality — until she discovered the dead fish in her koi pond.

INNKEEPER Eden Forne

"Every single one of them was floating eyeball up," she exclaimed. "Then, when we went to pull the bread from the ovens — we bake all our own pastries and such from scratch — we found the yeast had failed to rise. Something was definitely wrong in our snug little bed-and-breakfast."

But it wasn't just the Mariner that had been affected. Shortly afterward, while searching for his hunting dog Blackie, Mayor Johnny Slough was walking along the beach and noticed that the elephant grass had been windswept into a very ominous pattern: Three sixes, the Biblical sign of the beast. He found Blackie cowering behind a dune.

MAYOR Johnny Slough

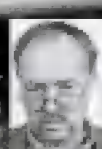
"Well, all that was unnerving," said Mayor Slough. "But that evening, when they showed the storm on TV, I nearly fainted dead away."

The satellite photos revealed that clouds had formed the same pattern of three sixes in the skies above Louis.

"That 'scared me, too," said Mrs. Forne. "Now, we're not a backward redneck town. I even have a Korean couple staying at the Mariner and at first I thought, you know, with the dead fish and all . . . they were planning to eat 'em or do one of their Shinto-kunte-kinto rituals. But two signs of the beast in one day means we got bigger troubles."

BIZARRE weather patterns left clouds shaped in the sign of the beast: 666 lingering over the town of Louis.

"It wasn't just 'two,'" said Larry Taintz, who runs the local golf course, Jewels of Low Par. "I looked at my sand traps and there it was, plain as day — three sixes in the sand! Now, I know what you're thinking, and laugh all you want to, but this seemed to be some sort of heads-up from God."



MANAGER Larry Taintz

Throughout the night and following day several citizens of Louis called the police to report similar manifestations. The most dramatic was the receding of floodwaters from the outskirts of

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THE BEAST PLAGUES GEORGIA TOWN

— some say it's a warning from God

RECEDING flood waters leave Satan's calling card, 666 in standing puddles.

Main Street. In their wake were three big puddles, each of which was clearly a "6".

Deputy Oscar Treebold — the first African-American official in Louis — tried to allay local fears but, to his words, "I think you would call some of the people here religious with a capital R, so you can imagine the public feeling. Well, what was I supposed to do? Put out an APB on the devil?"

DEPUTY Oscar Treebold

"I don't appreciate Treebold's cracks," said gun shop owner Eddie McCumber. "I don't know what kind of upbringing that Officer Treebold had, but I know my Biblical signs well enough. Obviously, some folks in this town have been sinning — maybe those Koreans, maybe Officer Treebold, maybe that homosexual Drew Sullivan who writes for your newspaper. He came by that radical book-lovin' Walden's Pond to talk about his interviews with some cross-dresser. All I know is, God ain't happy. We need to make some changes here."

GUN SHOP owner Eddie McCumber

Officer Treebold snickered when told about McCumber's remarks. "If this is a warning from God, I don't think it has to do with Koreans or gay men. It has to do with intolerance." He added, "But that's not my problem. The mayor just gave my job to Mr. McCumber."

BURGLAR GIVEN REWARD FOR REPORTING GAS LEAK IN HOME!

By MICHAEL CHIRON

QUEENS, N.Y. – A burglar who allegedly broke into an elderly woman's home and smelled gas as he robbed the joint has received a $500 reward for reporting the leak to authorities!

New York City officials defend their decision to shower career criminal Jerry B. Hablin with cash instead of jailing him.

"Mr. Hablin's swift actions saved the life of the homeowner, 83-year-old Mrs. Eleanor Purskens," said a city spokesperson. "We took into account the fact that he made the call at considerable personal risk."

Hablin, 31, admits that he jimmied the back door of the one-story dwelling and crept in on the afternoon of May 2, when the widow was away playing Bingo. And he doesn't deny ripping off the old lady.

"The TV was too old to fence, but I found some cash and jewelry," Hablin recalled. "As I was in the kitchen rifling through a drawer looking for silver, I smelled gas.

"As soon as I got home, I called the cops about it."

A police trace of the call led straight to the thief, but when prosecutors learned the whole story, they declined to press charges. Purskens didn't want him prosecuted either.

"That boy is a hero," she said. "Anyhow, I got most of the jewelry back."

However victims' rights advocate Anthony Shredpal blasted the reward.

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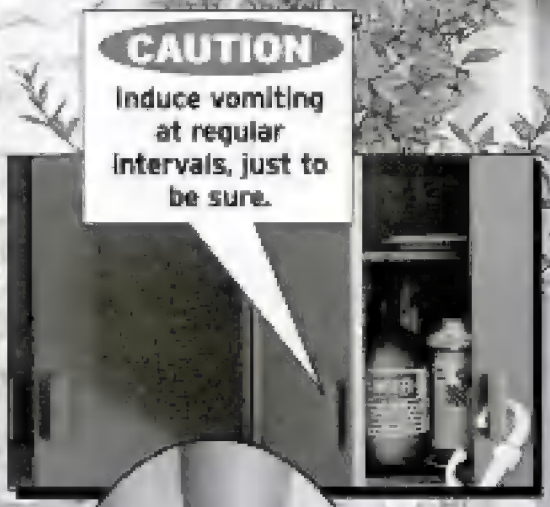

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NIGHT WATCHMAN!

A WEEKLY LOOK AT PROFESSIONALS WHO MAKE AMATEURS LOOK GOOD!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

Each week, *Weekly World News* interviews people who possess the strangest skills and abilities on — and sometimes off — the planet. This week we talk to forty-year-old night watchman Phil Dunk, a man who hasn't slept in thirty years.

WWN: Mr. Dunk, you have been awake since Jimmy Carter was president.

PD: He isn't any more?

WWN: No.

PD: Wow. Well, I have twice as much to remember as other people. Can't blame me for a few lapses.

WWN: We don't. Sir, what caused this strange form of insomnia?

PD: I'm ready to order now.

WWN: Pardon?

PD: Whoa . . . I'm sorry. I occasionally experience brief zone-outs due to exhaustion.

WWN: We all do.

PD: When I was ten years old, I had a nightmare so terrifying it burst all the neurons in my brain that regulate sleep cycles.

WWN: What was the nightmare?

PD: I don't really remember much of it. I think it involved bicycles. I was just learning to ride at the time. The handlebars were trying to grab me. The bell was screaming at me. I woke up and it was my mother. I was late for school.

WWN: How can you survive

PD: The nightmare was so intense that my adrenal glands also became permanently active. It's like having a caffeine high 24/7.

WWN: Aside from zone-outs, are there other side effects?

PD: I hallucinate. Every bicycle I see scowls at me. I also have memory lapses, as well as bouts of depression, dizziness, nausea and euphoria. Oh, and I yawn a lot.

WWN: Are there any advantages to never sleeping?

PD: One would think that having the extra time would be a blessing, but I'm so bombarded with mental disorders it's difficult to focus on anything.

WWN: What inspired you to become a night watchman for an amusement park?

PD: Statistically, few people ever break into a fun park. It's not like anyone's going to carry off a roller coaster car. So it doesn't take that much concentration. And obviously my handicap is an asset for night-time security. But I'm quitting

decided to move to New York City.

WWN: Why New York?

PD: I have a feeling I'll fit right in. I hear it's the 'city that never sleeps.'

HE HASN'T SLEPT A WINK IN THIRTY YEARS!

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

Feb. 12 - Feb. 18

Your weekly star guide

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If your birthday is this week...

This will be a year for travel, so enjoy it. The new experiences will be the stuff of memories and overall this should be a positive year for you. There may even be some new or rekindled romance.

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

You need help solving a major problem and this is the time to seek advice from the experts. Whatever you do, do not try and solve this on your own. Now is not the time to be stoic.

Yes, it may cost you something extra, but it will pay dividends in the weeks ahead.

Once you begin addressing the problem, you will find you can finally sleep better. Indulge and sleep in.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Things may be feeling more chaotic than usual and this brings you great concern.

It feels as if the world is turning faster than you can keep up but the solution is not to run faster.

Step back, take a long bath or sit somewhere quiet and let your mind process the changes. Once you do, answers will present themselves as will plans to make things more palatable.

Then, act.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Life as you know it is about to be turned upside down. Don't panic. This is as it should be.

The changes will be dramatic but once the dust settles, you will come to like the new status quo.

You may need to change some routines and certainly some perceptions about those around you but the changes are all for the better so just go with the flow.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

You will be distracted this week. Things will be left undone or forgotten that will cause others consternation.

The distraction stems from a long-simmering problem at home that will finally force you to stop and confront it.

Once you do that, you will feel better and can tackle things as-needed. Get plenty of rest to help you prepare for the challenges ahead

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Ever think you're in a waking dream? Things feel off kilter this week but it brings you an interesting sense of euphoria.

The stars have aligned to bring about changes in your thinking and suddenly you see things in an entirely new light.

Feel free to explore what this means both at work and at home, with friends and with family.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

For a change, everyone but you feels grouchy and argumentative. You will find yourself playing referee all week long.

Do not allow yourself to get caught up in other people's problems or be asked to choose sides in a conflict. Any choice will cause more trouble than it is worth.

Help facilitate communication between those doing the loudest yelling — or things will spiral out of control.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You've settled on a course of action. Good for you.

Now the time has come to bring friends and family into your confidence. Once you gain their support, it will give you the assurance you need to begin.

As you begin, you need to carefully make certain everything is as it should be — forms filled out or people alerted. If not, the bureaucracy will derail your plan before you even get started.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Luck is on your side this week, which is a fortunate thing as you encounter hurdle after hurdle. The complications will be everywhere but more will turn up at work than at home.

There will be many decisions to make and you discover your experience takes you only so far. Luck will bring you into contact with the experienced people who will help you make informed choices.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Things are falling into place and all seems well with you.

Now is the time to begin some self-improvement projects whether that means cleaning your work desk or trying a new hair style.

The confidence you feel will enable you to work well with your colleagues and get more done than usual.

This is a good week to sample a new restaurant with a friend.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This looks to be a rough week as things can go wrong in every direction.

Do not get caught up in office politics or other people's battles.

Do not make promises you cannot keep or allow yourself to be a pawn in a loved one's sick game.

You do not want to travel under these circumstances and staying in the house may be your safest course

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You need to listen to all points of view before making any decisions at home. Once you decide, though, things will start looking better.

As you listen, pay attention to what's being said since someone is not saying something in order to protect you.

Friends will offer you both great joy and some concern this week and each situation needs to be handled dif-

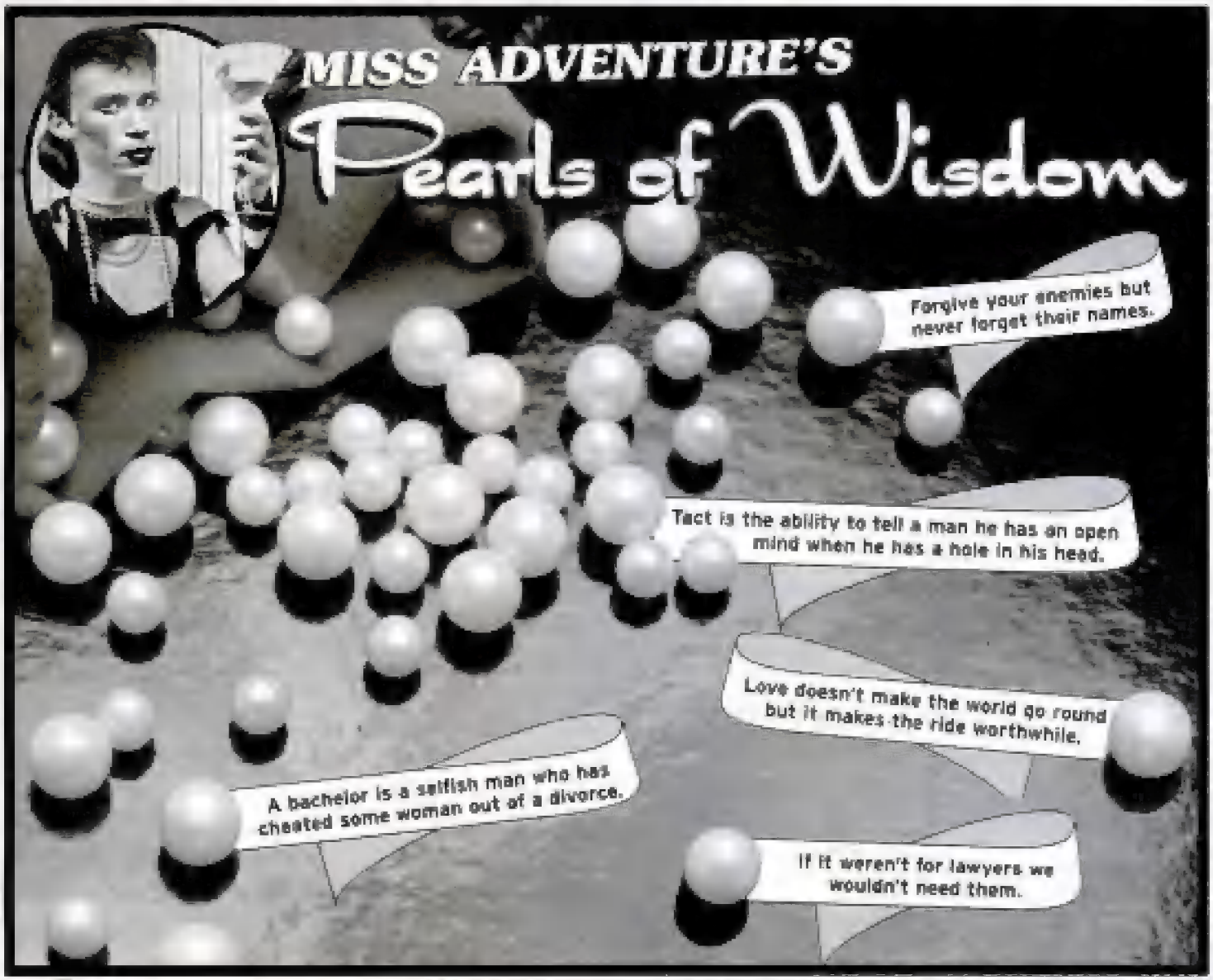
PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

This is a good week for travel, especially if it is for business as your better qualities get placed in the spotlight.

Not only that, being away from home will actually teach you several things that are important for your future growth and development.

Expose yourself to new thinking and experiences as they will shape you for the future. Try something absolutely



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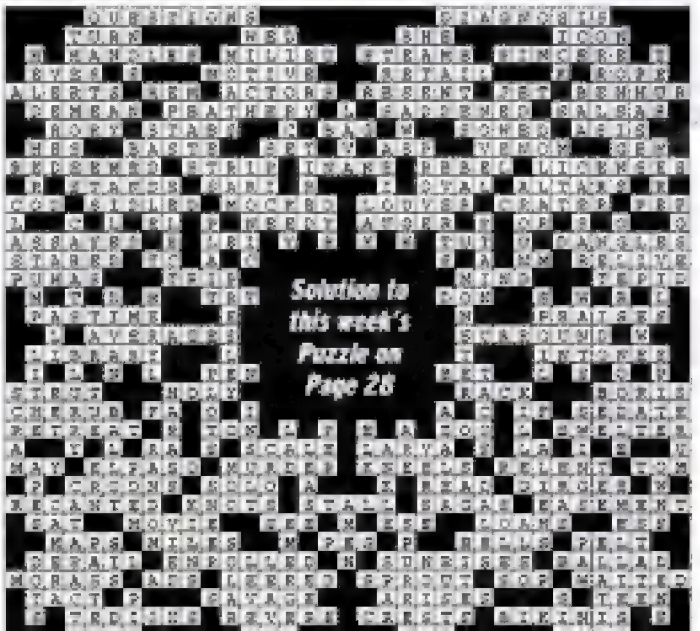


WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

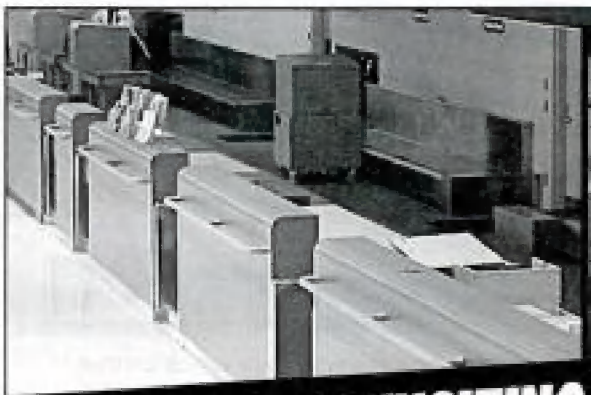
WHERE ARE ALL THE PEOPLE?

I'M ANGRIER than a man trying to chew with numb lips.

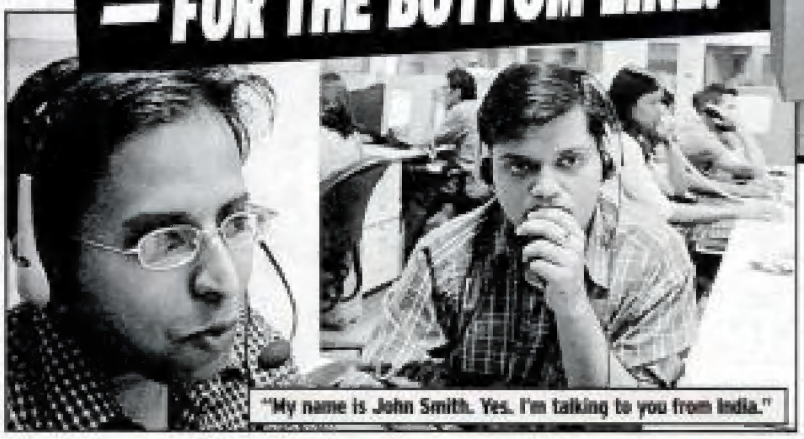
I used to be able to call the airlines, the cable company or the phone company and talk to people. You know, the 'My name is Christie. How may I help you, sir?' But lately I've felt lonelier than a lapdog in a kennel with automated voices that are programmed to 'care' and thrust me into a loop of meager results.

Folks, this isn't another of those 'let's-go-back-to-the-way-things-were' rants. I accept that technology will ultimately win. It's cost-efficient and does a good-enough job so that monopolies (aren't those illegal?) don't feel it in their bottom lines. What are we going to do in lieu of flying? Hop a freighter for a two-day visit? No — but I *am* suggesting a return to people. And not just on the phones.

We used to get train tickets and plane tickets and subway passes from people. Now we get them from machines. We used to go to stores and buy — or return — goods to people who cared. Now we order what we need online and they prepackage a return label. Convenient? Not really, if you already tossed the package. Or wanted the item 'today.' Besides, the only product reviews available online are from morons looking for the spotlight, not professionals. Most of us go to ATMs instead of bank tellers. Do you even know a bank teller? Now they're even catching speeding infractions on video and mailing you a ticket. Where's Joe Law? No wonder people feel de-



BIG BUSINESS DOWNSIZING AND OUTSOURCING AMERICA — FOR THE BOTTOM LINE!



"My name is John Smith. Yes, I'm talking to you from India."

And it isn't just the users who get miffed and stiffed. What about the providers? Getting back to those phone mazes, by the time I actually speak to someone who can help me — and have to give my account number or phone number for the third or fourth or fifth time — I have less patience than a sinner on Sunday. So what happens? I'm snippy with me not just because of my impatience but because they've already spoken to thirty other frustrated guys like me.

(Oh, and an aside: If I'm calling somewhere for tech support most of the time I can't understand the accent of the person I do speak with. This isn't a knock against the individual. My ear simply isn't attuned to the accent sourced. That adds to the short fuse on both sides!)

These situations have created a dangerously wide space between buyers and sellers, and that space is growing.

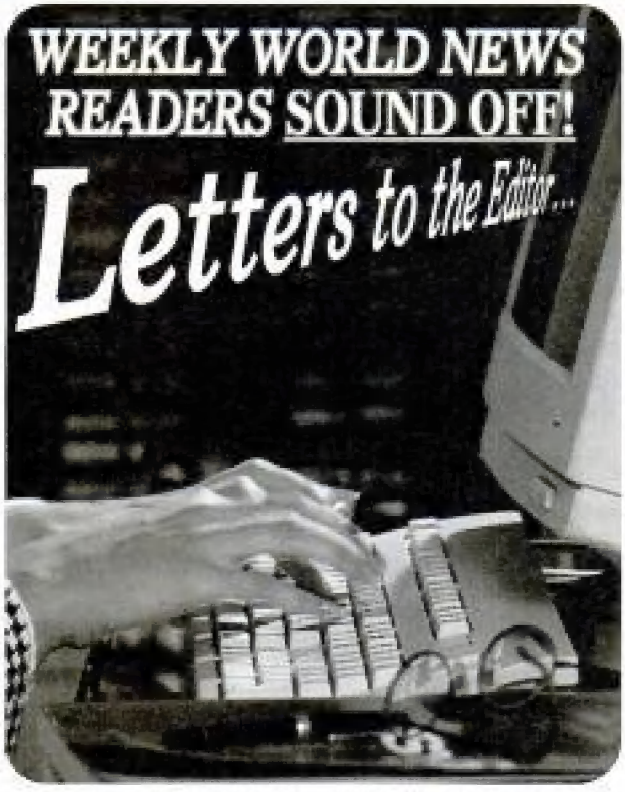
Human contact is more than just something we crave. It's something we require, from cradle to grave. Our system will run better with fewer recorded or online experiences. It's not 'going backwards' to embrace what worked in the past. I don't need a hi-tech global village to order groceries or get a bus schedule.

Give me back my neighborhood . . . and my neighbors.

Ed Anger

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

Letters to the Editor...



DEAR EDITOR: I'm an attorney and finally won my first case. It didn't start off too well, though. I had to go to Dallas for the lengthy trial. And when I got to court and opened my briefcase I found out that my wife only packed my *briefs* in it! Before the judge called the session to order, I ran back to the hotel where my wife had put all of my lawsuit files in the *suit* case! Close call!

– Jimmy Callahan, Odessa, Texas

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Dear Editor: I was in the middle of nowhere waiting for a bus when this lunatic crop-duster started right for me. Honestly, this airplane began attacking and I'm sure it aimed to kill me. I managed to outwit the aerial fool, but I'm deeply concerned that was only the beginning. How can I put an end to these apparent attempts on my life?

– R. Thornhill, Black Hills, S.D.

Learn the difference between a hawk and a handsaw.

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Dear Editor: I figured it out! There are these ivy-looking tentacles growing around my mansion. They started off rather leafy but recently began turning purple and growing tiny mouths. I can hear them whispering through the walls at night and it looks like they're drinking my whirlpool. I'm betting this is the green-eyed monster my envious brother is always going on about.

– Evie Griegs, York, England

And we're betting he's not jealous of your intelligence.

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Dear Editor: My money's alive! George Washington actually opened his mouth and mumbled a few sounds. It was really difficult to understand him, though. I guess no one engraved him any teeth. Later, Alexander Hamilton tried turning his back on me, but he didn't have one. Sadly, I haven't seen Benjamin in years, but honest Abe confided that he'd rather be exclusively on the penny. What do you think about that?

– Gertrude Rosenthal, Richmond, Va.

Everything you wrote makes a lot of cents.

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Dear Editor: There's nothing worse than running 'the mile' in gym class. But that's not why I'm writing. See, one day last week, about halfway into the run, time actually stopped! It was unbelievable! We were still moving, but the gym teacher said his stopwatch *actually* froze! He hit it a few times and fixed whatever was wrong with the universe, then made us start the whole freakin' thing over again.

– Fred Wilbur, Falls Village, Conn.

You definitely went the extra mile that day.

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Dear Editor: I've created a database of

DEAR EDITOR: There's a very famous photo of Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders standing atop San Juan Heights, but I've unearthed this photo of their actual charge up the hill! See anything peculiar? Yeah, it was actually an *army* of cloned Teddies that fought its way up San Juan Hill, turning the tide in the Spanish-American war. I count over a hundred Roosevelts in this picture alone! Just think how much bravery is contained in this single image. He's been my hero as long as I can remember, ever since I went to the Museum of Natural History he founded . . . or did he? Could it have been one of the clones?

– Henry Collins, Bronx, N.Y.

Possibly. Now, if only someone could determine once and for all whether it's pronounced 'Rose'-evelt or 'Rooz'-evelt. . . .

all the different types of UFOs and other alien crafts observed by humans (and a few dogs) throughout history. I'm calling it the Unidentified Flying Object Catalog (UFOC). I feel that it's important we compile as many pieces of this puzzle as possible from far beyond this world I've known, far beyond my time.

– B. Rogers, Warsaw, Mich.

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Dear Editor: Last night I had a dream. Although I had been resting peaceful and calm, I felt as though I were covered in scars. I followed this shining star to the gates of hell where an invincible giant awaited me. From afar, I quickly discovered this giant was in love with me. Somehow I was able to break his heart – to death! I guess he couldn't bear the sorrow of me marching past him and straight into hell in pursuit of a heavenly cause. I knew nothing would get in my way of reaching that star – *and then I woke up!* What do you make of that?

– M. Cervantes, Madrid, Spain

It sounds impossible.

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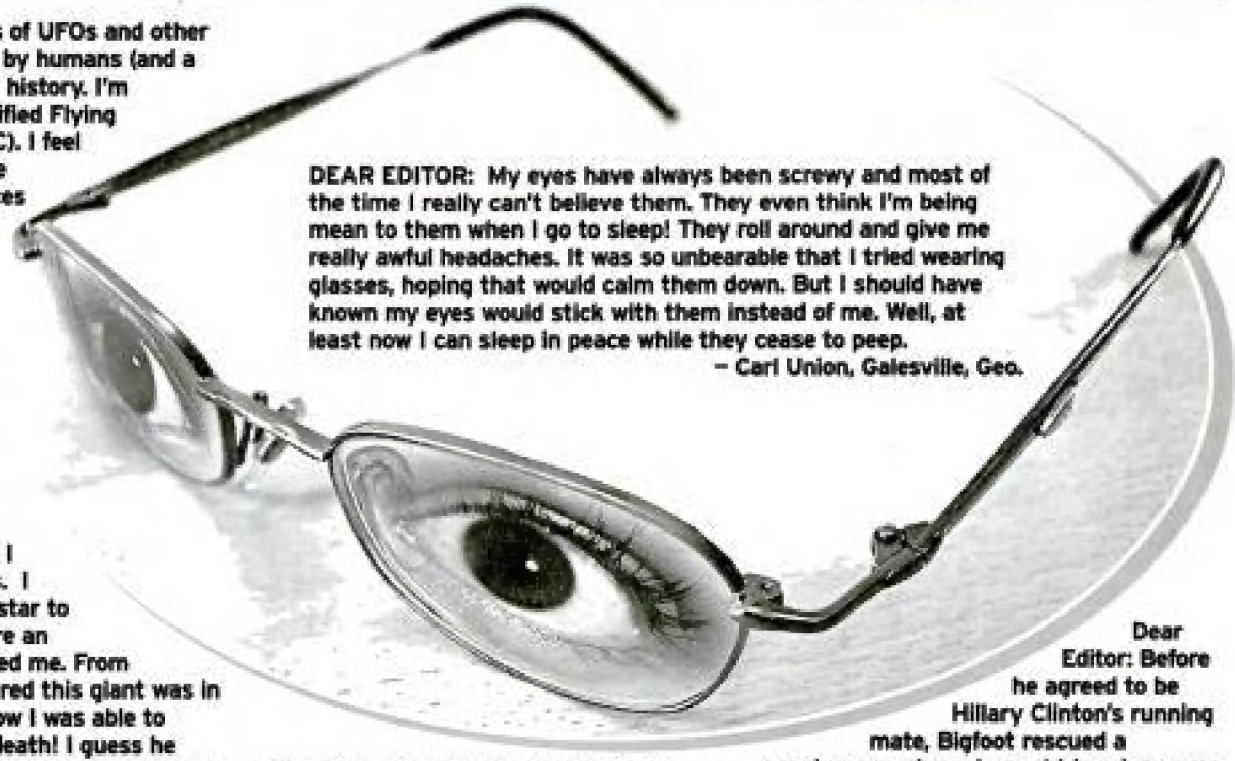

DEAR EDITOR: My eyes have always been screwy and most of the time I really can't believe them. They even think I'm being mean to them when I go to sleep! They roll around and give me really awful headaches. It was so unbearable that I tried wearing glasses, hoping that would calm them down. But I should have known my eyes would stick with them instead of me. Well, at least now I can sleep in peace while they cease to peep.

– Carl Union, Galesville, Geo.

Dear Editor: Before he agreed to be Hillary Clinton's running mate, Bigfoot rescued a paratrooper who got caught in a tree over thirty feet up! I saw it with my own eyes! And as he walked away, that big hairy hero was wearing a sharp pair of homemade parachute pants. If Bigfoot would just get a really neat haircut, he could singly-handedly bring back the '80s! How wild would that be?

– B. Idol, Middlesex, England

Very. By the way, rumor is he may soon marry and have a Wight Wedding.

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DEAR EDITOR: While rakin' leaves last autumn, I noticed something very strange on m'tree. I took one look and realized them wasn't no normal crab apples I was growin'. I dropped what I was doin' and grabbed my camera from inside and took this shot. These apples with crab-like legs just walked off m'darn tree like they was supposed to be there! I don't live near no beach or compost heap or nothin'! So I've just been catchin' 'em an' tossin' them all in a barrel. Do you think there's anything I should be careful of?

– Derek Dually, Hogsaw, Kan.

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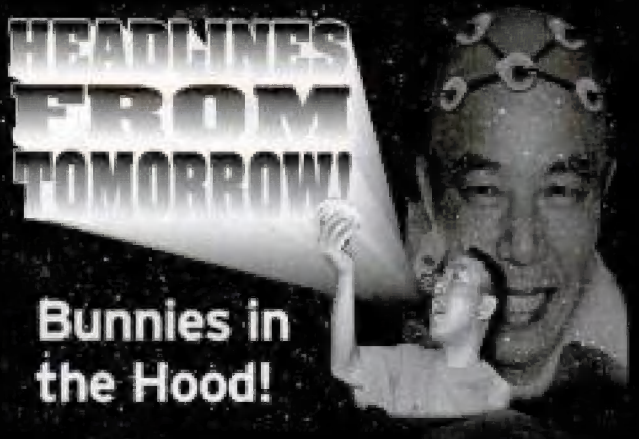

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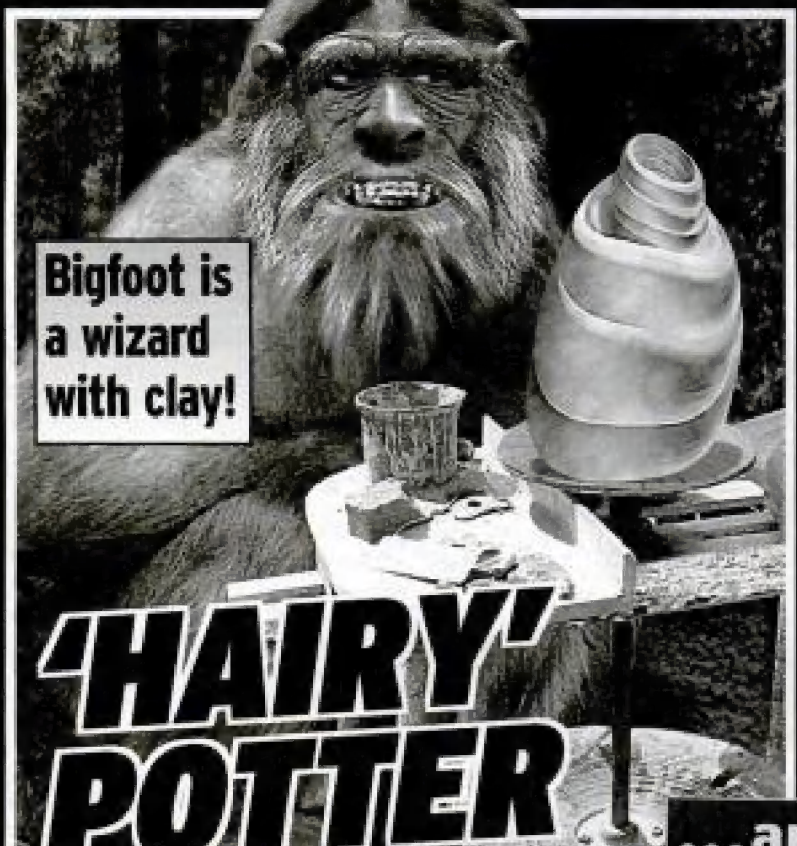

Bigfoot is a wizard with clay!

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